

meeting came to order at 4:33  
present were President Suzan Karayel, Vice-President Lisa Graves(via  
phone-bridge), Secretary Wes Weber, and Ken Sutherland.

Officer Report:

Suzan (President)  
Northern Branch will put on the Ardenwood Solo  
competition on April 2nd.  
no other plans as of now  
will focus on the branch website.

Lisa (Vice-President)  
nothing to report

Wes (Secretary)  
nothing to report

Donna (Treasurer)  
not present

Officer Elections, a quorum was present: Suzan Karayel, Lisa Graves  
and Wes Weber.

President nominated by Lisa Graves  
Suzan Karayel \*\* elected by unanimous vote \*\*  
Vice-President nominated by Suzan Karayel  
Lisa Graves \*\* elected by unanimous vote \*\*  
Secretary nominated by Suzan Karayel  
Wes Weber \*\* elected by unanimous vote \*\*

New Business

Suzan presented changes to the by-laws, see page two  
changes were passed unanimously  
VP Lisa Graves left the meeting at this time.

Presentation of Awards

grade 2 band champion - Prince Charles Pipe Band  
accepted by Ken Sutherland  
grade 4 band champion - Irish Pipers Pipe Band  
accepted by Wes Weber  
grade 5 band champion - CDF Firefighters  
openl solo piping & Piobaireachd - Eric Leiken  
grade 1 solo piping & Piobaireachd - Abraham McCarty  
grade 2 solo piping - Reese Owens  
grade 3 solo pipin - Elizabeth McCarty  
grade 4 solo piping - Gallon Arios  
grade 2 solo Piobaireachd - Charles Martin  
grade 3 solo Piobaireachd - Bruce Duncan  
grade 4 solo Piobaireachd - Melody Farquarson-

Chang  
grade 3 side drumming - Garrett Harpainter accepted  
by Ken Sutherland  
grade 4 side drumming - Dodger Posey accepted by  
Wes Weber  
grade 4 tenor drumming - Ayla Ferrell  
open bass drumming - Milanda Moore accepted by  
Suzan Karayel  
amateur bass drumming - Jeff Gordon accepted by Wes  
Weber

Ken announced his taking over the WUSPBA Music Committee chair  
he's looking in to a having adjudicator sessions in  
each branch. He'll start in the Northern Branch.

he's also proposing a piping workshop sponsored by the  
Northern Branch.

Ajourned 5:32pm

## 15-Day Submission of Proposed Amendments—Submitted by Suzan Karayel

### AFFECTED TEXT:

#### **ARTICLE VII— Amendments—By-Laws—NB**

1. Any NB member band or solo member in good standing may propose a change to the By-Laws. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least ~~30~~ 15 days before the annual meeting and shall be mailed or emailed to all member bands and solo members, **or posted to the NB website and made available for public viewing**, no later than ~~15~~ 7 days before the meeting at which the changes will be considered. Each member band and solo member present and in good standing shall be entitled to the voting ratio set by WUSPBA on each proposed change to the By-Laws. Members present at any meeting will be decided by majority vote all issues other than those elsewhere stated in these By-Laws.
2. ~~WUSPBA By-Laws. Any proposed changes to the WUSPBA By-Laws must be proposed 30 days prior to the annual AGM meeting, in writing and mailed or emailed to Executive Secretary.~~

### RATIONALE:

There are four changes here. First, reduction of the advance submission deadline for proposed amendments from 30 days to 15 days, and a corresponding reduction for the secretary's relay deadline to 7 days. Since the bylaws only mandate 30 days' advance notice of the date of the AGM, this could make it technically impossible for the membership to submit any proposed amendments by the existing 30-day deadline once the meeting has been announced. The reduction ensures that the membership will always have time to submit proposed amendments after learning of the AGM date.

Second, allowance of public posting on the NB website as an alternative to relay by mail or email. This is intended to make the Secretary's job easier in case he/she does not have a current mailing list for the entire membership. Additionally, it eliminates the need to send mail or data attachments directly to those individual members who might have no interest in the workings of the Branch.

Third, deletion of the second paragraph. It's unnecessary, and is even inaccurate now because the WUSPBA time period has been amended. Anyone proposing an amendment to WUSPBA rules should consult WUSPBA bylaws.

Lastly, cleaning up the language a bit by striking out some extraneous words/letters. Not a substantive change.