

WUSPBA Northern Branch AGM

January 21, 2023

Call to Order: 7:07

Attendance: 11

Erin Berta President

Joyce Vice President

Suzan Karayel Treasurer

Amy Johannsen-Secretary

Intro and Welcome: Erin Berta

Thank you for all taking the time to attend. Thank you to Suzan who is probably the best ever. Joyce joined us mid-year as our VP. Amy continues to add perspective as a parent rather than player.

2022 Year in Review: Erin Berta

It was good to be back in person this year. Erin wrote a document reviewing what was accomplished in the Northern Branch this year. She reviewed it briefly and it will be posted on our social media. Robert Boyd stepped down due to work commitments, as a result, Joyce stepped in.

In the Zoom Nights-This continued, our goal was to cover all Grade 4 Piobaireachds, It is done.

Online Solo Contests- Suzan ran two competitions on behalf of the Northern Branch, one in Spring and Fall

Local NB Games-

Welcome Tent- A fantastic and well received addition to the games.

Drumming workshop- This proved to be difficult. The drummers seemed to prefer working as groups and not soloists. We are hoping to have a turn around this year.

Jan Richey says that the Pipes and Pubs reignited their desire to do a workshop for Pipes and Drums in May. This would be sponsored by Macintosh in Larkspur with the help of Ken Sutherland, Ryan Murray and Liza and Davey McAdams.

2023 Future Plans

Continuing Zoom nights- The next one is February 15th. Ryan Murray on how to memorize tunes, especially Piobaireachd.

Welcome Tents- Will need volunteers, if you can please email: Erin, Suzan or Katie. Katie has put together the cost analysis and has submitted it to Jeff Mann. Katie will help organize the tent for Monterey and Pleasanton. It was a SUPER SUCCESS!

Solo Contests- Suzan came up with a new idea-a blind competition. Competitors would send in their videos, then Suzan would strip the visual and the competitors name so that the judge is only listening to the performance. This would perhaps encourage more players to participate if the judges didn't know that it was them.

Jan expressed concern that it may be difficult to re-grade if too many competitions were run this way.

Drumming- Jan has suggested the above workshop in Larkspur. Bass and tenor would be touched upon at this workshop.

Other Ideas- Suzan mentioned a small picnic day and solo competition in September, still in the planning stage.

Elections:

President

Nominations- Erin Berta nominated and elected unanimously

Treasurer

Nominations- Suzan Karayel nominated and elected unanimously

Northern Branch Financial Report: Suzan Karayel

Current Finances Suzan shared the Financial Report for 2022

Expenditures

Donations

Estimated Expenses

Questions

2022 Awards: Erin and Suzan

Suzan shared the document announcing the aggregates for each category

2022 Recognitions No recognitions at this time.

New Business

Concern about R2 system and the bands updating their information. Katie addressed the concern and has stated that she is working with R2 and Charlie Butterworth. This will not prevent anyone from competing. If anyone is still having trouble, Katie requested that they contact her directly. Hopefully all the kinks will be worked out soon. There is a new system that is being constructed currently and will be up and running eventually. William McDougal is helping Katie with the system as well.

Katie has been looking in to branch lists. She was inquiring if it was a problem that we see all emails and not just our specific info for Northern Branch. She was attempting to sort the list and be more specific. The general consensus is that we would all rather be overly inclusive rather than branch specific. People are labeled differently within R2 and the danger is they wouldn't receive updates.

Contest Stewards: Suzan is looking for stewards. Please invite those who you know may be interested have them contact Suzan.

Adjourn 8:08

**WUSPBA Northern Branch
Financial Report 2022**

SUMMARY - General Fund

Starting Balance	\$	2,144.59	as of 1/1/2022
Net 2022	\$	(19.66)	
Ending Balance	\$	2,124.93	as of 12/31/2022

SUMMARY - Workshop Fund

Starting Balance	\$	-
Net 2022	\$	779.50
Ending Balance	\$	779.50

INCOME AND EXPENSES BY PROJECT

Project/Category	Income	Expenses	Net
Annual/Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ (174.14)	\$ 325.86
WUSPBA Annual	\$ 500.00		
Zoom (2023)		\$ (161.14)	
Wordpress		\$ (13.00)	
In the Zoom	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Soloist Support Tent	\$ -	\$ (85.68)	\$ (85.68)
Spring Online Contest	\$ 1,432.29	\$ (1,428.39)	\$ 3.90
Entry Fees	\$ 1,432.29		
Judges		\$ (1,120.00)	
Awards & Mailing		\$ (308.39)	
Fall Online Contest	\$ 1,845.76	\$ (1,330.00)	\$ 515.76
Entry Fees	\$ 1,845.76		
Judges		\$ (1,330.00)	
Awards & Mailing		\$ -	
Workshop Fund	\$ -	\$ (779.50)	\$ (779.50)
Establish Workshop Fund		\$ (500.00)	
Donation re-allocated to Workshop Fur		\$ (279.50)	

All guest presenters donated their time

Welcome/informational tent for soloists at Pleasanton

Projected expenses ~\$200.00

Excess donation from sponsor of Open grade for 2021 online contests; re-allocated per donor's request

**WUSPBA Northern Branch
Budget 2023**

SUMMARY

Starting Balance	\$	2,124.93	as of 12/31/2022
Net Projected 2023	\$	(463.00)	
Ending Balance	\$	1,661.93	

INCOME AND EXPENSES BY PROJECT

Project/Category	Income	Expenses	Net	
Annual/Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ (363.00)	\$ 137.00	
WUSPBA Annual	\$ 500.00			
Branch Awards 2021 & 2022		\$ (150.00)		Mailing paper certificates
Thank You Gifts 2022 & 2023		\$ (200.00)		Acknowledgement for volunteers, In the Zoom instructors, donors, etc.
Wordpress		\$ (13.00)		Already paid 1/9/23
In the Zoom	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2022 Online Contests	\$ -	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)	
Awards & Mailing		\$ (200.00)		
Online Contest 1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ -	
Entry Fees	\$ 1,200.00			
Judges		\$ (900.00)		
Awards & Mailing		\$ (300.00)		
Online Contest 2	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ -	
Entry Fees	\$ 1,200.00			
Judges		\$ (900.00)		
Awards & Mailing		\$ (300.00)		
Workshop Fund	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)	To be set aside for future workshop
For Future Workshop		\$ (250.00)		
Soloist Support Tent	\$ -	\$ (150.00)	\$ (150.00)	To be discussed
At Major Games		\$ (150.00)		