

- Call to Order: 7:04 pm
- Attendance (10 total):
  - Northern Branch Officers: Erin Berta, Suzan Karayel, Amy Johannsen, Joyce MacLaury
  - Other Northern Branch Members: Amara Reddick, Liz Tubbs, Charlie Martin, Rick Hood, Monty Messenger, George Rodgers
- Intro and Welcome – Erin Berta
- 2023 Year in Review- Erin Berta
  - In the Zoom nights-We had one this year led by Ryan Murray. We have completed the mission of creating instructional videos for Grade 4 Piobaireachds. Erin would like to see that continue. She is looking for suggestions. Ken Sutherland did one on bagpipe tunes in other areas. It was suggested by Suzan, that if the nights were to continue, perhaps asking the presenters to come up with their own agenda would be nice.
  - Local NB Games-We were happy to report that most of the local games came back live this year. The YEC held one online competition in the winter, Redding, Pipes and Pubs throughout the summer, and Pleasanton.
- 2024- Plans in the works for this year
  - Expected Calendar of Events and Contests
  - YEC online in February, Redding in March, Pipes and Pubs begins in March, Golden Gate Indoor July 27<sup>th</sup>-Suzan and the Irish Pipers this competition will be held at the Irish Cultural Center, Light Music and Piobaireachd, Snare, Tenor and Bass. They are looking to have the Grade 1 competition run like Pleasanton, on stage with Light Music Back-to-Back, MSR-H/J. Pleasanton, Prince Charles Eagle Scout wants to do a competition with YEC and WUSPBA Northern Branch
  - Welcome Tents at Local Games-Needing volunteers- would like to see this continue especially to help those who are new. Not sure if it will expand, it takes volunteers, Suzan, Erin and Katie

Strausser (WUSPBA registrar) normally spearhead this campaign

- Drumming Side of Things -NB Workshop, Duty Pipers? Perhaps no drummers show up for these contests because they do not have a piper to accompany them. Amara and Suzan would like to start a new program where a “duty piper” would be on-site to play these competitions if they do not have a piper available. They are asking that bands and members spread the word to bring out more drummers. Encourage them to sign-up and a piper will be there to help them out. Information will be put on the Northern Branch page and Facebook, a list of tunes will also be posted. Amara and Suzan have chosen a couple of tunes from each time signature to start. They are definitely open to expansion. If there is a specific tune not mentioned on the list, the “duty pipers” would be glad to attempt to get that arranged.
- Northern Branch Bylaws-Proposed Changes
  - No changes were suggested via email.
  - The suggestion has been made that a youth member be present on the board of the WUSPBA. We would need to add the position to our bylaws for next year. We don’t have to wait to include them.
  - Erin would like to encourage us to read through the bylaws by next year.
- Elections
  - Vice President -The office of Vice President is up for re-election.
- Joyce MacLaury has volunteered to run again.  
Vote Joyce nominated by acclimation, unanimous vote of yes.

Secretary- The office of Secretary is up for re-election.

- Amy Johannsen has volunteered to run again.  
Amy nominated by acclimation, unanimous vote of yes
- Northern Branch Financial Report -Suzan Karayel
- o Current Finances Suzan shared the Financial Report

- o Estimated Expenses for 2024 Branch Awards will be sent out this year.
  - Hopefully we will be able to provide the duty pipers with a payment.
  - Amara asked if they had to travel to do duty piping and steward would WUSPBA NB incur any of those costs.
- Northern Branch Chief Stewards Report -Suzan Karayel

We do have three contest stewards: Suzan, Amara, and George. Their job is to make sure things are running correctly and posting results with the WUSPBA. They try to get the results posted by the afternoon of the contest.
- 2023 Northern Branch Awards-Erin and Suzan

Results are posted on the website. Congratulations to all who competed last year.
- New Business and Q&A
- How does R2 allocate the fees they collect? If any questions arise, the consensus is that the Treasurer of WUSPBA is approachable and will answer questions if there are any.

Liz Tubbs clarified what the bands will play at Woodland.

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- Adjourn 8:01pm

# WUSPBA Northern Branch Financial Report 2023

## SUMMARY - General Fund

Starting Balance	\$	2,124.93	as of 1/1/2023
Net 2023	\$	11.98	
Ending Balance	\$	<b>2,136.91</b>	as of 12/31/2023

## SUMMARY - Workshop Fund

Starting Balance	\$	779.50	as of 1/1/2023
Net 2023	\$	250.00	
Ending Balance	\$	<b>1,029.50</b>	as of 12/31/2023

## INCOME AND EXPENSES BY PROJECT

Project/Category	Income	Expenses	Net
Annual/Operating	\$ 766.65	\$ (285.78)	\$ 480.87
WUSPBA Annual	\$ 766.65		
Zoom (2024)		\$ (161.14)	
Wordpress domain link		\$ (13.00)	
Wordpress upgrade (3yr)		\$ (69.30)	
GoDaddy (2yr renewal)		\$ (42.34)	
In the Zoom	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Soloist Support	\$ -	\$ (30.55)	\$ (30.55)
Pipes & Pubs		\$ (23.08)	
Pleasanton		\$ (7.47)	
Contest Stewards	\$ -	\$ (188.34)	\$ (188.34)
Equipment (printer)		\$ (76.03)	
Supplies		\$ (26.45)	
Uniforms (polos)		\$ (85.86)	
Workshop Fund	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ (250.00)
2023 Allocation to Workshop Fund		\$ (250.00)	

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>766.65</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(754.67)</b>
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**WUSPBA Northern Branch  
Budget 2024**

**SUMMARY - General Fund**

Starting Balance	\$	2,136.91	as of 12/31/2023
Net Projected 2024	\$	(363.00)	
Ending Balance	\$	<b>1,773.91</b>	

**SUMMARY - Workshop Fund**

Starting Balance	\$	1,029.50	as of 12/31/2023
Net Projected 2024	\$	250.00	
Ending Balance	\$	<b>1,279.50</b>	

**INCOME AND EXPENSES BY PROJECT**

Project/Category	Income	Expenses	Net
<b>Annual/Operating</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>	<b>\$ (413.00)</b>	<b>\$ 287.00</b>
WUSPBA Annual	\$ 700.00		
Branch Awards 2021-23		\$ (150.00)	
Thank You Gifts 2022-24		\$ (250.00)	
Wordpress		\$ (13.00)	
<b>Contest Stewards</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (100.00)</b>	<b>\$ (100.00)</b>
<b>In the Zoom</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Soloist Support</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (100.00)</b>	<b>\$ (100.00)</b>
Pleasanton		\$ (100.00)	
<b>Duty Piper Program</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (200.00)</b>	<b>\$ (200.00)</b>
<b>Workshop Fund</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (250.00)</b>	<b>\$ (250.00)</b>
For Future Workshop		\$ (250.00)	

Estimated (minimum \$500)

Mailing paper certificates

Acknowledgement for volunteers, In the Zoom instructors, donors, etc.

Already paid 1/9/23

To be set aside for future workshop

**TOTALS**                      \$        700.00    \$    (1,063.00)