



# *Annual Report* *2022*

WASHINGTON KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

*A nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people know how much fun it is to fly kites!  
Affiliated with the American Kitefliers Association*

This *Annual Report* provides you with an account  
of the past year's business of the Washington Kitefliers Association

*THANK YOU for continuing your financial support*

## **2022 Financial Report**

Provided by Treasurer Dan Ecker

A full breakout is available

Gross Income .....	\$5,745.68
Total Expenses .....	<u>\$6,100.75</u>
Net Loss .....	\$(355.07)

### Income Sources

Sales & Donations.....	\$4,868.13
Memberships.....	\$870.72
Bank interest.....	\$6.83

### Expenses

Webmaster (creation & setup).....	\$2,973.82
Web Domain & Hosting Fees.....	\$422.58
Halls, Food, Supplies .....	\$1,033.01
AKA Insurance, Pins, Trophies .....	\$650.00
Printing, Supplies, Mail, Filing fees.....	\$526.05
Fort Worden Conference.....	\$495.29



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## How Your Dues Are Spent

As you review the Financial Report above, what is not evident are the background activities that are in those dollars:

- Website creation - The largest output of money in 2022 was for the creation of a new and much improved website. However, your dues money was not used for this. It actually paid for itself as a result of the re-convened annual dinner at the WSIKF. Everyone's outpouring of donations to the raffle and auction was phenomenal.
- New WKA Brochure – It was time for a new look and to reflect the new website, email and mailing addresses. 1,000 brochures were printed locally for less than 25¢ a brochure despite the increased cost of paper. This too was paid for with the raffle/auction money.
- Memorial Banners – Purchase of two 19-foot poles, from donation/auction money, to support the two new Memorial Banners. Ken Conrad donated his time and materials to the project. More below.

## Accomplishments

- JBLM Kids Fest - Two achievements that the annual Joint Base Lewis-McChord Kids Fest provides is first, it puts kites into the hands of young, hopefully future, flyers (and into the hands of some adults having fun flying them). It helps to fulfill part of WKA's Mission Statement as listed at the end of this report. Second, it advertises the Washington Kitefliers Association name. In the future, we can include Kites Over Kingston, but the event has not reconvened since COVID.
- Father's Day Fly - At this annual fly in Seattle, board member Ken Conrad (Education Chair and owner of Great Winds Kite Co.) provides, at no charge, his Frustrationless Flyer™, a Tyvek® kite that the kids (and adults) can draw on and fly. It is another wonderful way to put a kite into new hands quickly, and provides yet another kite design than what we provide at the JBLM Kids Fest and what the Pierce County Kitefliers Association provides at the annual Chambers Creek Kite Fest.
- Fundraising - A rousing success in fundraising at our annual dinner during WSIKF. A huge THANK YOU goes to everyone who donated kites, accessories, and kite-related items to the raffle and auction. It was very moving to see this. And the good part is, it paid for the creation of your new website, the updated brochures, and the Memorial Banners poles.
- Memorial Banners – Two 17-foot tall banners were completed and ready for display at the WSIKF. Ken Conrad donated his time and supplies to create these. Rick White constructed the sleeves and edge bindings, sewed the two banners, and purchased two 19-foot poles. It took a team to verify the names.

Read more about the above in the *2022 Year In Review*.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.  
Help make the WKA *the best organization* that you choose to support.

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## President's Report

Hi flyers. This *Annual Report* provides you with financial accountability for how your dues were spent in 2022, an account of the membership, and reports from our program coordinators. I hope you've had an opportunity to review WKA's new and improved website at [wka-kitefliers.org](http://wka-kitefliers.org). Check it out! (BTW, if something looks old, tap Ctrl-F5 to refresh the page.) We always welcome your comments and suggestions. Take advantage of the new *Contact Us* form that goes to our secretary Bonnie Ecker, or send me an email at [kiteflyer6330@gmail.com](mailto:kiteflyer6330@gmail.com).

*Scott Slater, president pro tem*

## Membership Committee Report

At the end of 2022, WKA had 98 member households, 12 of which became new member households during the year. This number includes 4 Life and 8 Board members who are provided with a free membership. PayPal is gaining acceptance; we are up to 12 members using this method to join or renew (despite the added \$1 to recoup PayPal fees). THANK YOU! The sad news is the WKA lost 8 members in 2022 due to passing. Their names will be added to the WKA Memorial Banners.

*Sylvia Bernauer*

Note from the Secretary Bonnie: WKA is so fortunate to have Sylvia as our Membership Chair. She has such a wealth of knowledge about members, and remembers SO much from many past years, even when a membership drops due to age or illness. Sylvia joined the WKA in 1989 and became Membership Chair in 1996. *THANK YOU* Sylvia!!!

## Products Committee Report

It has been an interesting year with the unveiling of our new website. The possibilities are numerous now for products that we can offer. The problem is how to get them to you with postage continually increasing? For now, we will make them available at our events (Protest the Bowls, Father's Day Kite Fly, our annual dinner at the WSIKF, and maybe at the PCKA-WKA Christmas dinner). Another option is for a direct pickup at my house. Call, text, or use the Contact Us form on the website to coordinate a date and time.

WKA can discuss getting T-shirts made, hats, or whatever; even more WKA banner kits or assembled banners. Oh, and eventually I'll have kites to sell from collections donated to the WKA. PLEASE pass along your ideas to me that you would like to see for sale.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of WKA...I wouldn't be the pinhead that I am if I didn't bring out a new 50th Anniversary pin! Designs are being reviewed to finalize.

Thank You, and keep your back to the wind and your kite in the air!

*Rick White*

## Education Committee Report

Note from Secretary Bonnie: Ken and Suzanne have an extremely busy job life and it's difficult for Ken to always reply with a write-up. Ken donated his materials and a lot of time to create the two WKA Memorial Banners. Rick spotted someone in tears as they were reading the names at the WSIKF. That makes it all worthwhile.

I personally thank Ken for HIS wealth of information. He can pull history of the WKA and the AKA from his head or from many historical documents. Ken became WKA's 5th President in 1978. Check out a wonderful article on his and Suzanne's kite history in the AKA *Kiting* magazine, spring 2017, pgs 31-36.

*THANK YOU KEN!!!*

*Bonnie Ecker for Ken Conrad*

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## WKA Mission Statement

To foster and encourage enthusiasm for kite flying.

To promote the study of kite design aesthetics,  
aerodynamics, and the history of kites.

To promote kite flying safety, and  
perpetuate the art and science of  
kite flying through education.

## Establishment

Washington Kitefliers Association was founded in 1973  
and incorporated as a 501c7 non-profit organization in 1986.  
WKA is the original and oldest kite club in the state of Washington.

## Your 2023 Board of Trustees

### Officers (Elected 2-year Positions)

President pro tem (to Dec 31, 2023)	Scott Slater
Vice President (to Dec 31, 2024)	Scott Davis
Secretary (to Dec 31, 2024)	Bonnie Ecker
Treasurer (to Dec 31, 2023)	Dan Ecker

### Standing Committee Chairs

Membership	Sylvia Bernauer
Education	Ken Conrad
Products	Rick White
Security	vacant
Donations Coordinator	vacant
Annual Report & Newsletter	Bonnie Ecker
Social Media (Facebook)	Bonnie Ecker
Webmaster (paid position)	Landa Web & Graphic Design

## Mailing Address, Website and Email

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