

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America  
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, December 17, 2024  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Pamela Meara.

- a) A quorum of regular members was present.
- b) The Pledge of Allegiance and IWLA Pledge were conducted.
- c) Chapter Officers and Board of Directors present were introduced:
  - i) President – Pamela Meara
  - ii) Vice President – Evan Phelps
  - iii) Secretary – Todd Skipper
  - iv) Treasurer – Bob Crisman
  - v) Membership Director – Benn Crandall
  - vi) Archery Program Director – Dick Riemer
  - vii) Air Range Program Director – Keith Kuck
  - viii) Youth Program Director – Joe Turner
  - ix) Director-at-Large – Bob Hamilton
  - x) Director-at-Large – Bill Clayton
  - xi) Director-at-Large -- Chip Chidester
- d) Directors Not Present
  - i) Rifle-Pistol Program Director – Bruce Crandlemire
  - ii) Target Archery Program Director – Ryan Johnson
  - iii) Education & Training Program Director – John Seaberg
  - iv) Skeet & Trap program Director – Bob Brino
  - v) Director-at-Large – John Hsu
  - vi) Director-at-Large – Brian Hickerson

**2. MEMBER TIME**

- Nothing was brought before the Membership.

**3. PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Ms. Meara said the Field House would possibly be closed for the next 6-7 months due to the tree that fell on it last Wednesday (Dec 11, 2024).
  - During the interim, membership meetings will be held at the Indoor Archery Range; Board of Director and Youth Chapter meetings will be held at the Skeet & Trap Range; New Member Orientations will be held in the Air Range on the first Sunday of each month.
- Mr. Turner introduced the 2025 Junior Chapter Board of Directors-elect who were present to take their oath of office: President: Elie Arkin; Vice President: Sienna Wade; Secretary Avana Harford; Treasurer: Audrey Mooney; and Directors-at-Large: Caroline Chan, Catherine Stann, Caroline Tso, Danielle Street, and William Ragala.
  - Ms. Meara administered the oath of office to the Youth Chapter Board.
- Ms. Meara then administered the oath of office to a new Director-at Large, Chip Chidester who was voted in to replace DAL, Fred Ansick at the December Board of Directors meeting.

**4. MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the November 2024 General Membership Meeting were available for all to review. Seeing no corrections or changes, the president approved the November meeting Minutes as written.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Crisman presented the Budget Report through November 2024 to the Membership.
  - Income: \$287,004.71

- Expenditures: \$262,291.15
  - Budget Remaining: \$24,713.56
  - Total Cash Assets: \$1,037,023
- Mr. Crisman said the budget remaining amount is through November and new memberships and renewal dues are still being received and processed; about \$40,000 deposited in early December.

## 6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Mr. Crandall reported that 2,449 Chapter memberships were filled in 2024, and when family members are included, there are 3,022 members. This is the highest number of members in the Chapter's history.
- Mr. Crandall presented the new candidates for membership, 23 of whom were present and 24 who were not present.
- Mr. Crandall moved that all candidates for membership be voted into the Chapter, those candidates in attendance and those who were not. The motion was properly seconded by Mr. Phelps and unanimously adopted.

## 7. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- **Air Range**
  - Mr. Kuck provided an overview of the Air Range's operations and shooting availability for members, guests and high school shooting teams.
  - Mr. Kuck said air rifles are a great introduction to shooting for youths because there is no recoil and noise, and the range is extremely strong on all safety aspects of shooting.
  - Mr. Kuck explained the range's ability to provide instructors and adaptive shooting assistance to handicapped shooters.
- **Conservation**
  - Nothing was reported to the membership.
- **Education and Training**
  - Nothing was reported to the membership.
- **Field Archery**
  - Mr. Riemer provided an overview of the archery ranges, the Archery 101 and 201 classes, and the Cub Run Archers social club, which new members were invited to join.
  - Mr. Riemer said a USA Archery Tournament will be held at the Indoor Archery Range on January 18 & 19, 2025.
  - Mr. Riemer said that the annual gun show is scheduled for March 29, 2025, at the Indoor archery Range and it is open to the public. Tables will be available for members to rent in February.
- **Rifle-Pistol**
  - Mr. Hamilton (for Mr. Crandlemire) provided an overview of the range and reminded the members that while the range is open 363 days a year, they should still check the website to ensure the range is open before coming out to shoot.
  - Mr. Hamilton described the range's various shooting events and Short Range Days.
- **Skeet & Trap**
  - Mr. Clayton (for Mr. Brino) provided an overview of the Skeet & Trap Range.

- Mr. Clayton briefly explained the Scrap shoots held on Wednesday mornings and the range's Winter League and he invited the new members to participate in range events.
- **Target Archery**
  - Nothing was reported to the membership.
- **Youth Chapter**
  - Mr. Turner said that volunteers are always needed to help with the youth programs and he encouraged the new members to volunteer because a lack of volunteers limits the programs available to the Youth Chapter.
- **Bylaws**
  - Ms. Meara said that the new bylaw book with the updated bylaws will be available soon.
- **Building & Grounds**
  - Nothing was reported to the membership.
- **Communications**
  - Ms. Meara said members should check the website for the most current information.
- **Public Relations**
  - Nothing was reported to the membership.
- **Security/Gate**
  - Mr. Early said that while entry through the front gate would be transitioned to a fob that will be distributed to members, the code on the membership card is for 2025 and should be used for entry to the gate and to the Indoor Archery Range until the fobs are distributed.
  - Mr. Early said the front gate has backup power from a battery if power fails at the Chapter and he explained how the gate can also be opened manually.
- **Shenandoah Property**
  - Ms. Meara said that the chapter's property is available for members to use and information for reserving the property is posted on the chapter website.

#### 8. ***OLD BUSINESS***

- Nothing was reported to the membership.

#### 9. ***NEW BUSINESS***

- Nothing was reported to the membership.

#### 10. ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- Ms. Meara reminded everyone to check the chapter calendar before coming out to the Chapter.
- Ms. Meara asked members to wait for the property to be plowed if it snows and not to force the front gate open if the road has not yet been plowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Submitted by: Todd Skipper  
Secretary