

# Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc. Izaak Walton League of America

Special Board of Directors Meeting – Friday, January 17, 2025

## Minutes of the Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- The electronic Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Pamela Meara
  - a) A quorum of officers and directors were present at the Zoom meeting.
  - b) Chapter Officers and Board of Directors present were introduced:
    - i. President: Pamela Meara
    - ii. Vice President: Evan Phelps
    - iii. Treasurer: Bob Crisman
    - iv. Air Range Program Director: Keith Kuck
    - v. Education & Training Program Director: John Seaberg
    - vi. Conservation Program Director: Fred Bailey
    - vii. Field Archery Program Director: Dick Riemer
    - viii. Skeet & Trap Program Director: Bob Brino
    - ix. Target Archery Program Director: Ryan Johnson
    - x. Director-at-Large: Chip Chidester
    - xi. Director-at-Large: Bill Clayton
    - xii. Director-at-Large: Brian Hickerson
    - xiii. Director-at-Large: Bob Hamilton
    - xiv. Director-at-Large: John Hsu
  - c) Officers and Directors Absent
    - i. Secretary: Todd Skipper
    - ii. Membership Director: Benn Crandall
    - iii. Rifle-Pistol Program Director: Bruce Crandlemire
    - iv. Youth Program Director: Joe Turner
    - v. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz

### 2. *PRESIDENT'S TIME*

- Per the chapter bylaws for Special Board of Director meetings, the electronic Zoom meeting was announced by email notification along with a meeting calendar invite within the 24-hr. required timeframe. This was sent to all Directors who have consented to electronic notifications, and a phone call was made to the one director who has not consented to electronic notification.
- Special Board electronic Zoom meeting called on 1/16/2025 by president to discuss a request from local Fire Departments to use the Chapter's Pond for ice recovery and rescue operations.
  - Background: President Meara received a phone call and follow up email from the Captain at Fairfax County Firehouse 38-C in West Centreville asking permission for their units to be able to utilize the chapter pond for some ice rescue training. This is something they attempt to do annually and being that the weather has been quite cold, it is the perfect time for us to get company members up to speed on ice rescue tactics.
  - In a follow-up email, the fire department representative stated: When we practice these evolutions, we do so with all of our approved gear and safety systems in place. We would be cutting some holes in the ice and depending on the thickness, may use a chainsaw. We seek to do no harm to the local environment and historically only leave a small hole in the ice and nothing further. Our goal is to provide proper training to the members of the company and respect the environment in which we are operating.
- The request is for January 21, 2025 from 8-11 a.m. and the event would include approximately 4-5 fire trucks and their crews to participate in the training.
  - Mr. Kuck moved that we approve the request, properly seconded by Mr. Brino.
    - In the discussion that followed, Mr. Seaberg asked that we ensure they know that they have to keep the fire trucks on this side of the pond due to the weight. Ms. Meara indicated they had been so informed.
  - The motion was voted upon by all in attendance by raising of hands (or voice if their camera was off) and was unanimously approved.
  - Mr. Clayton indicated he will add the event on the chapter calendar.
  - President Meara will send email confirmation back to Fire Department that their request has been approved. Will remind them that the fire trucks will need to be parked near the chapter large pavilion as they are not allowed to be on the chapter pond dam due to weight. She also indicated she will include with her communication the chapter facility use request and hold harmless form that they will need to complete and forward back before the event on Tuesday. In addition, she also indicated she will also request pictures and a short write-up from the department representatives that we can include in a future newsletter edition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11p.m.

Submitted by: President, Pamela Meara for  
Secretary, Skipper