

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Ciarula at 7:30 PM.

- a) A quorum of members was present.
- b) The Pledge of Allegiance and IWLA Pledge were conducted.
- c) Chapter Officers and Board of Directors present:

- i. President: Tom Ciarula
- ii. Vice President: Pam Meara
- iii. Secretary: Sean Gagnon
- iv. Membership: Benn Crandall
- v. Designated Director: Roger Thrasher
- vi. Designated Director: Bucky Sills
- vii. Designated Director: Dick Riemer
- viii. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
- ix. Designated Director: Dan Roberts
- x. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
- xi. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
- xii. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
- xiii. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz

d) Officers and Directors Absent

- i. Treasurer: Bob Crisman
- ii. Designated Director: John Seaberg
- iii. Designated Director: Bob Brino
- iv. Director-at-Large: Art Twichell
- v. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
- vi. Director-at-Large: Keith Kuck

2. **VISITOR'S TIME/FACILITY USE REQUESTS**

The following requests for use of Chapter facilities were presented to the Board:

- Mathew Fonda presented a revised proposal for an Eagle Scout Project to install terraced shooting platforms at Field Archery. Mr. Fonda estimated that the cost for the Project would be \$550. Mr. Reimer moved that the project be approved, and that funding be supplied by from Cub Run Archers. The motion was adopted.
- Bill Atkins, representing BSA Troop 90, requested the use of Camp Sites 1-3, Small Pavilion, Archery, and R/P on February 21-23, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Dan Piszker, representing BSA Troop 157, requested the use of Camp Sites 1-3, Small Pavilion, Air Range, Archery, Skeet/Trap, and Rifle/Pistol from April 18-19, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Chad Cerar, representing Cub Pack 864, requested the use of the Field House on January 17, 2020, February 15, 2020, and March 21, 2020. The facility use requests were approved.
- Fred Ansick, representing the Appalachian Bowhunters Association, requested use of the Field Archery Field House on February 12, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Rebecca Shen, representing BSA 1137, requested the use of the Field House, Athletic Field, Large Pavilion, Small Pavilion, and Camp Sites 1-3 from June 21-26, 2020. The facility use request was approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board he intends to write to local government officials and offer them a tour of our facilities.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the December 3, 2019 Board of Directors Meetings were available for all to review. The minutes were approved as submitted.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Meara presented the budget report as of December 2019. The ending balance as of December 31, 2019 was \$13,152.55. Ms. Meara informed the Board that the year 2019 balance will be transferred to the Chapters Money Market Account.
- Ms. Meara also informed the Board that the approved budget for 2020 needed an additional \$2,000 for contract services, and that budgeted funds will be used from Building and Grounds for the oversight.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Mr. Crandall provided the membership update, including membership renewals and a request for volunteers at upcoming gun shows. The Chapter currently has 1835 active memberships, which is more than the 1300 we had at this time last year.
- Mr. Crandall also informed the Board of upcoming recruitment events at the Gun Show and a New Member Orientation on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- I-66
 - Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that construction activities associated with I-66 improvements are ongoing.
- Awards & Grants
 - Scott Meyer informed the Board that the NRA Grants will be distributed shortly, and requested information on funding priorities for the Chapter.
- Building and Grounds
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board that stakeout for the new parking lot has been completed, and that the next item to be completed is installation of the dry swale.
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board that the position for a new groundskeeper was previously published, and two potential contractors had submitted bids. Mr. Sills moved that Keith Pierson be hired as the grounds keeper contractor for 2020. The motion was adopted.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board of the upcoming newsletter mailing party on January 28, 2020 and communication from the IWLA Virginia State Division regarding proposed Virginia State Legislation that may impact the Chapter.
 - Ms. Meara also informed the Board that the new date for the Annual Chapter Picnic is September 12, 2020.
- Education and Training
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board of an upcoming Range Safety Officer course.
- Target Archery
 - Mr. Roberts informed the Board of upcoming Junior Archery Days on Sundays from Noon – 5PM.
- Air Range
 - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that 5 recent high school graduates that participated in Air Range activities now have college scholarships in Air Rifle.
 - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that the new electronic small bore targets should be arriving soon.
 - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that Mark Budgeon is moving this spring, and that he will be needing additional Air Pistol Coaches.
 - Mr. Thrasher also informed the board that Turbo Rifles will be visiting the Chapter to provide demos of their products.
- Youth Activities
 - Mr. Turner provided an update on the Junior Chapter, including the installation of the new Junior Chapter Board of Directors.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Retention/Recruitment
 - Mr. Smith provided information on Chapter membership retention. Mr. Smith recommended to the Board that the Committee continue to contact those with lapsed memberships to inquire why they have not renewed. Mr. Smith also recommended that the Board set a dollar amount in substitute of the 6-hour new member requirement, a \$50 discount for referring new members, and to clearly advertise that a sponsor is not needed to join.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Frerking suggested that the Chapter purchase common consumables, such as toilet paper, light bulbs, etc., in bulk and provide to various Chapter facilities as a cost saving measure. No motions were taken.

11. OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY PROPERLY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

- Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary