

**Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 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. Treasurer: Bob Crisman
- v. Membership: Benn Crandall
- vi. Designated Director: Roger Thrasher
- vii. Designated Director: John Seaberg
- viii. Designated Director: Bucky Sills
- ix. Designated Director: Dick Riemer
- x. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
- xi. Designated Director: Dan Roberts
- xii. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
- xiii. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
- xiv. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
- xv. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
- xvi. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz
- xvii. Director-at-Large: Keith Kuck

- d) Officers and Directors Absent
  - i. Designated Director: Bob Brino
  - ii. Director-at-Large: Art Twichell

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

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

- Pam Meara, representing Randall Williams, requested the use of the Large Pavilion on August 1, 2020 from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Dick Fonda, representing BSA Troop 853, provided an update on the previously approved Eagle Scout project to install terraced platforms at the field archery range.
- Steve Elkins requested the use of Field Archery in February (16 and 23), March (8, 15, 22, and 29), and April (5 and 19), 2020 from 9:30AM – Noon. The facility use request was approved.
- Mike Gerken, representing BSA Troop 695, requested use of the Air Range on February 15, 2020 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Chad Fulgham representing BSA Troop 1996, requested the use of Camp Sites 1-3 and small pavilion From May 22 – May 24, 2020. Mr. Fulgham also requested the use of Rifle/Pistol on May 23, 2020. The facility use request was approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula provided an update on current legislation within the Virginia legislature.
- Mr. Ciarula also informed the Board he sent letters to local government officials offering them a tour of our facilities.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meetings were available for all to review. The minutes were approved as submitted.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Crisman presented the budget report as of January 2020. The ending balance as of January 31, 2020 was \$204,767.50.
- Mr. Crisman also informed the board that he will need year 2019 transaction reports from Chapter disciplines.

## 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 1,754 membership renewals and 134 new members.
- Mr. Crandall also informed the Board of upcoming recruitment events at the Gun Show and a New Member Orientation on Thursday, February 6, 2020.
- Mr. Crandall informed the Board that the Chapter's advertisement has been placed in the Connection newspaper. Total cost for the advertisements was \$2,020.

## 7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Awards & Grants
  - Scott Meyer provided an update on Friends of the NRA Grants. Mr. Meyer recommended that the Chapter should submit one grant request in the future, and the grant request should not exceed \$4,000.
- Building and Grounds
  - Mr. Sills provided an update on the parking lot expansion, including approval of the dry swale and next steps towards completion.
  - Mr. Sills informed the Board the new groundskeeper has been working well, that firewood is currently for sale, and that the toilet at Rifle/Pistol requires repair.
- Communication
  - Mr. Gagnon informed individual members of the Board that he still requires email communication consent forms for online voting.
- Conservation
  - Mr. Seaberg informed the Board that trees will need to be planted in the median for the new parking lot, that woodchips are available to Chapter operations, and that the bi-annual Cub Run stream clean up will be in April.
- Education and Training
  - Mr. Sills informed the Board of an upcoming refuse to be a victim course.
  - Mr. Seaberg informed the Board that registration/participation numbers for Chapter NRA courses has seen a decline, and to actively advertise available courses.
- EMS
  - Mr. Sills informed the Board that there will be an EMS meeting with Michael Penders after the Board meeting adjourns. Mr. Sills also informed the Board that he is researching possible grants to help pay for the recently installed dry swale.
- Field Archery
  - Mr. Riemer informed the Board of increased usage of the field archery range. Mr. Riemer stated that the range used to 5 target butts per year, but now uses 8.
- Target Archery
  - Mr. Roberts informed the Board of the recent indoor winter tournament, which had over 50 participants.
- Air Range
  - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that the high school season will end on February 15 with the regional championship, and that Elkin Foundation board members will be in attendance.
  - Mr. Thrasher also informed the Board that local smallbore manufacturer Turbo will be visiting the Chapter on February 21, 2020.
- Rifle/Pistol
  - Mr. Frerking informed the Board that the recently purchased electronic targets have been delivered and now require setup, that he is planning on starting steel matches at the Rifle/Pistol range, and that a short range day is planned for March 29, 2020.
  - Mr. Frerking also informed the Board that Bull Run Muzzleloaders has seen an increase in attendance.
  - Mr. Twichell stated that he believes increased attendance may be from youth archers visiting the Chapter on Sundays.

- Skeet/Trap
  - Mr. Seaberg informed the Board that there are 8 weeks remaining in the annual winter league, and that there is a skeet tournament planned for Memorial Day weekend.
- Youth Activities
  - Mr. Turner provided an update on the Junior Chapter, including the installation of the new Junior Chapter Board of Directors and the AIM Team organizational meeting.

## 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 stated that he will provide recommendations to the Board at a future time.
- Scholarship
  - Dr. David Dobbins provided an update on the Chapter Scholarship Program. Dr. Dobbins stated that the application has been sent to resource councilors at 56 local schools, and that he will present his recommendations at the May 2020 Board of Director's Meeting.
- Historian
  - Ms. June Goodenough stated that the location of the Chapter field house was approved at a special board meeting on August 4, 1964, and that the building needed to be redesigned to place windows in the bathrooms.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Frerking led a discussion regarding shared consumables (toilet paper, lights, etc.) at the Chapter.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

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

- Mr. Scott Meyer, IWLA National Treasurer, informed the Board that another IWLA chapter recently lost over \$100,000 to fraud/theft, and that we need to review our insurance information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary