

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Pam 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 – Chris Rose
 - iii) Secretary – Sean Gagnon
 - iv) Treasurer – Bob Crisman
 - v) Designated Director – Keith Kuck
 - vi) Designated Director – Dick Riemer
 - vii) Designated Director – Joe Turner
 - viii) Designated Director – Steve Rumble
 - ix) Designated Director – Jeff Del Vecchio
 - x) Designated Director – Bill Frerking
 - xi) Director-at-Large – Marv Hicks
 - xii) Director-at-Large – Oscar Starz
 - xiii) Director-at-Large – Fred Ansick
 - xiv) Director-at-Large – Jonathan Buckva
2. **MEMBER TIME**
 - Nothing brought before the membership.
3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**
 - Nothing to report.
4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Minutes from the March 2022 General Membership Meeting were available for all to review. The minutes were approved as written.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - Mr. Crisman presented the Budget Report through the end of August 2021 to the Membership.
 - Income: \$362,604.68
 - Expenditures: \$63,740.63
 - Budget Remaining: \$298,864.05
 - Mr. Crisman stated the Chapter is overdue for its 2021 financial audit, that he has two volunteers, and that he would like a third volunteer.
6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - Mr. Rose provided an update on status of the Membership, stating that the Chapter currently has 2,141 memberships accounted for, and that the next New Member Orientation will be on May 7, 2021.
 - Mr. Gagnon moved to accept the candidates from the April New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted, and 22 new members were admitted to the Chapter.
7. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
 - Air Range
 - Mr. Kuck stated that the Air Range is open Mondays and Fridays at 5:30PM for three relays. Please use SignupGenius to reserve a lane.
 - There are opportunities for new shooters to learn air rifle, all ages are welcome.
 - Mr. Kuck stated that Oscar Starz runs smallbore events on Friday evenings at Rifle/Pistol from 4:30PM until sunset. He has loaner rifles, but please bring your own ammunition.
 - Awards and Grants
 - Nothing to report.

- Building & Grounds
 - Mr. Rose provided an update on Buildings and Grounds activities.
 - Fairfax County Fire Marshal recently reinspected the Chapter's fire extinguishers and passed all of them. The Fire Marshal suggested that we shorten the benches in front of the field house for fire safety.
 - Roof and water damage repairs were conducted at the Field Archery clubhouse.
 - A fallen tree has been removed from lane 1 at Rifle/Pistol.
 - One of the throwers was repaired at Skeet/Trap.
 - Bidding for the renovation work at the Skeet/Trap clubhouse will be occurring soon. Painting, possibly ceiling replacement, floor replacement, and maybe new furniture.
 - Pond will be closed for fishing between April 26 and May 8 before the disabled picnic.
 - BSA Troop 1137 will clean the Chapter campsites on May 27.
 - Chapter outhouses were recently pumped.
- By-Laws
 - Nothing to report.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara stated that the annual disabled picnic will be on May 7, 2022. Opportunities to volunteer are on SignupGenius.
 - Mr. Gagnon informed the Board that President Pam Meara, Vice President Chris Rose, Shotgun Director Bob Brino, former President Tom Ciarula, former President/current Virginia Division President Ernie Padgette, environmental consultant Mike Penders, and he attended the recent Environment Virginia conference at VMI. The Chapter was awarded a Governor's Environmental Excellence Award (Bronze Medal) for our Environmental Management System (EMS). Additional information will be in the upcoming newsletter.
- Conservation
 - Mr. Rumble provided an update on the Chapter's participation in the Cub Run Stream Valley Volunteer Team cleanup in March, and there will be an Adopt-a-Highway event on April 30.
 - Mats were recently installed in the pond to help prevent the growth of water lilies.
- Education and Training
 - Ms. Meara stated that we have a great schedule of classes this year, both NRA and archery classes. Basic rifle course this week tailored for the AR platform.
- EMS
 - Mr. Kuck stated that he will be collecting soil samples soon to help assist in determining how much lime to apply to the soil.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer stated that there will be an Archery 101 class on Sunday, and that there are a few open spots.
 - Archery classes start on May 2nd and run for 5 weeks.
 - County qualifications will be every Tuesday evening and Sunday morning.
 - Archery Range cleanup is scheduled for May 22nd, volunteers are needed.
 - Broadheads are only allowed in broadhead targets as they cause damage to other targets, cost the Chapter lots of money in maintenance costs.
- Rifle/Pistol
 - Mr. Frerking provided an overview of the Rifle/Pistol range. This month there is youth smallbore on Fridays, bullseye pistol league on May 1st, service rifle match on the 2nd Thursday of every month, bull run muzzleloaders on the third Sunday of every month, and short range day will be May 29.

- Skeet/Trap
 - Ms. Meara stated that the annual winter league has concluded, results are on the Chapter website.
 - There are a register trap shoots in May, and a skeet shoot on Memorial Day weekend.
- Target Archery
 - Mr. Del Vecchio stated that there are JOAD and Archery Development courses (for youth and adults) available.
 - Winter session will wrap up soon, and the summer session will start in June.
 - All stands at the outdoor Olympic archery range have been repaired, and are now more mobile.
 - Broadheads and crossbows are not allowed at the Olympic archery range.
- Youth
 - Mr. Turner stated that the Youth Chapter normally has 225-250 members, and that all members participate in Chapter activities.
 - The Junior Chapter is sponsoring a swap meet on June 4th, all items for sale must be relevant to junior programs. See website and eblast for additional information. An FFL will be onsite for any firearms transfers.
- Historian
 - Ms. Goodenough stated that in 1946, the Chapter utilized a short newsletter (similar to our e-Blast) called a "Flash." The flash from 1946 was about a boating cruise to raise money and bring the 217 Chapter members together for an evening of fellowship and fun. The raised funds were to send Chapter members to the national convention and fight pollution, as the State had recently passed an anti-pollution bill.
- Elections
 - Mr. Landry stated that Chapter elections are in July. Please let him know if you would like to run for a position.
- Shenandoah Property
 - Mr. Ansick stated that the Chapter owns approximately 50 acres of land west of Strasburg. Information is on the Chapter website on how to request access to the property. So far, no one has been successful hunting the property.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Meara stated that 2022 is the 100-year anniversary of the IWLA National organization. Chapter members might be receiving a mailer from National to support their fundraising efforts.
- Mr. Starz stated that the Air Range has the capability to teach and coach disabled shooters, include those that are blind.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nothing to report.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- See Chapter Calendar for current list of events, which is frequently updated to reflect evolving conditions <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/>.
- Mr. Twichell reminded those in attendance about the upcoming black powder match on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary