

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 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: Bob Brino
- xi. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
- xii. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
- xiii. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
- xiv. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz
- xv. Director-at-Large: Keith Kuck

d) Officers and Directors Absent

- i. Designated Director Bill Frerking
- ii. Designated Director Joseph Turner
- iii. 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:

- Brian Summers, representing BSA Troop 1978, requested the use of Campsite 1-9, small pavilion, and ranges on October 23-25, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Kirill Sukhorukov requested the use of the Small Pavilion on April 19, 2020 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Ryan Murata, representing BSA Troop 1865, requested the use of the Field House on April 5, 2020 from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Eliot Jardines and Mark Budgeon requested the use of the Air Range on July 26, 2020 and Rifle/Pistol Range on July 27, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Dan Piszker, representing BSA Troop 1577, requested the use of Skeet/Trap on April 4, 2020. Mr. Brino moved that the facility use request be approved with fees waived. The motion was adopted and the facility use request was approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that the Boy Scouts of America has recently declared bankruptcy, and that he does not anticipate this to materially affect Chapter operations.
- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that the Chapter recently received a 20-year CMP affiliate flag.
- A discussion regarding the Chapter's response to COVID-19 was led by Mr. Ciarula. Members of the Board suggested we continue good practices, handwashing, and staying up-to-date with legal mandates. No motions were proposed or adopted.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the February 18, 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 February 2020. The ending balance as of February 29, 2020 was \$168,638.50.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Mr. Crandall provided the membership update, including membership renewals. The Chapter currently has 2,039 total memberships.
- Mr. Crandall informed the Board that updated membership rosters have been provided to all of the Chapter ranges.
- 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, and that the advertisement has attracted 6 new members to date.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Building and Grounds
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board that the parking lot and dry swale have been complete, and that he is awaiting bond release from the County.
 - Mr. Sills also informed the Board that sales of firewood have been going well.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the newsletter article deadline is March 24, 2020.
- Conservation
 - Mr. Seaberg informed the Board of an upcoming Cub Run Stream Valley clean-up on April 18, 2020.
 - Mr. Seaberg also informed the Board of an upcoming meeting with Garret Sinchenza and Mike Bishop to discuss installation of bird houses and bat boxes at the Chapter.
- Education and Training
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board of an upcoming Rifle Coach School, Shotgun Camp, Women on Target, and other courses.
- EMS
 - Mr. Brino informed the Board that he will be applying rock phosphate and lime to the Skeet/Trap fields at the conclusion of Winter League.
 - Mr. Brino also provided an update on the Chapter's application to DEQ VEEP level 4.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer provided an update on the recent swap meet, which had 23 tables and 80 people in attendance.
 - Mr. Riemer also provided an update on Fairfax County archery qualifications from March through June, 2020.
- Air Range
 - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that the high school season has been completed.
- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino informed the board that there are 3 weeks remaining for Winter League, and 2 trap shoots planned for May 2020.

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 stated that 32 people that were contacted by the Committee have renewed their membership.
 - Mr. Smith provided a series of identified reasons for membership non-renewal. These include:
 - Difficult traffic, high membership dues, health/age of members, earning volunteer credit hours, difficulty renewing, late fees, lack of pistol shooting options, RSO rudeness, range badge replacement cost, and high paypal fees.
- Annual Picnic
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board that he will no longer be cooking for the annual Chapter picnic.

- Historian
 - Ms. June Goodenough stated that she has been in contact with an archivist at the Smithsonian Institution regarding archiving important Chapter documents. Ms. Goodenough stated that she will begin photocopying and archiving Chapter documents shortly, and that she plans on discussing the Project with the Fairfax County Historic Society.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Smith moved that new members have an option to pay \$300 to remove their 6-hour volunteering obligation. Mr. Crandall moved that the motion be tabled until the next Board of Directors' Meeting. Mr. Crandall's motion was adopted and Mr. Smith's motion was tabled.
- Mr. Smith moved that the replacement range badge fee be lowered to \$10 from \$25, and that anyone caught using someone else's range badge must come before the Board for disciplinary action. Mr. Thrasher moved that the motion be tabled until the next Board of Directors' Meeting. Mr. Thrasher's motion was adopted and Mr. Smith's motion was tabled.
- Mr. Smith moved that when a member uses PayPal to pay their membership fee, they be charged the PayPal processing fee of \$6 starting in 2021. The motion was adopted.
- Ms. Ashley Powell, representing Skeet/Trap, presented a proposal for a capital campaign to raise funds for a new Skeet/Trap club house. Mr. Brino moved that the Chapter begin a capital campaign to raise funds for a new Skeet/Trap club house. Mr. Thrasher moved that Mr. Brino's motion be tabled, and that an exploratory committee be created instead. Mr. Thrasher's motion was adopted and Mr. Brino's motion was tabled. Mr. Ciarula appointed an exploratory committee consisting of Bob Brino, Bucky Sills, Ashley Powell, and one other member.

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

- Mr. Kuck informed the Board that stands/shelves for the small bore electronic targets have been delivered to Rifle/Pistol.
- Mr. Starz informed the Board that high school small bore season will be starting soon.

Mr. Crandall moved that the meeting move to executive session at 9:28 PM

The Board rose from executive session at 9:34 PM

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary