

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 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: Dick Riemer
- viii. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
- ix. Designated Director: Bob Brino
- x. Designated Director: Robert D'Imperio
- xi. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
- xii. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
- xiii. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
- xiv. Director-at-Large: Keith Kuck
- xv. Director-at-Large: Marv Hicks

d) Officers and Directors Absent

- i. Designated Director: John Seaberg
- ii. Designated Director: Bucky Sills
- iii. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
- iv. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz

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

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

- Christina Alvarez, representing BSA Troop 893 G, presented for a proposed Eagle Scout project consisting of the installation of insect and bee hotels at the property. The proposed project was approved.
- Jennifer Wheeler, representing Cub Scout Pack 1860, requested the use of the Large Pavilion on the third Sunday of every month from 2:30 – 4:30 PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Michael Murray and Caden Carpenter, representing BSA Troop 111, requested the use of Archery, Air Range, Skeet/Trap, and the Large Pavilion on September 12, 2020 from 7:00AM – 4:00PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Chad Cerar, representing Cub Scout Pack 864, requested the use of the Large Pavilion on September 11 and October 2, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Mr. Cerar also requested the use of the Field House on September 23, October 14, October 28, November 6, November 18, December 4, and December 16, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:00PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Frank Anthony, representing Cub Scout Pack 146, requested the use of the Large Pavilion and the two fishing docks near the Large Pavilion on September 19, 2020 from 8:30AM – 1:00PM. The facility use request was approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula updated the Board of the Chapter's recent application to VEEP Level 4. Mr. Michael Penders informed the Board that DEQ is very happy to have received our application, that we are the only firearms range in Virginia in the VEEP program, and that hopefully our action inspires other facilities to participate.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the August 4, 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 August 2020. The ending balance as of August 31, 2020 was \$32,670.96.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Mr. Crandall provided the membership update, including membership renewals. The Chapter currently has 2,062 total memberships.
- Mr. Crandall informed the Board that the next New Member Orientation will be on September 12, 2020.
- Mr. Crandall also informed the Board of an upcoming Gun Show that requires volunteers for recruitment activities.
- Renewals are anticipated to begin on October 1, 2020, and Saturday office hours from 9:00AM – Noon will begin on October 12, 2020.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Transform 66
 - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on ongoing construction activities along Interstate 66, stating that construction activities appear to be going slowly.
- Awards/Grants
 - Mr. Meyer presented an IWLA Growth and Retention Award to the Chapter, which was accepted by Mr. Crandall. The award came with an associated \$250 award. Ms. Meara moved that the \$250 award be donated to the IWLA National Endowment. The motion was adopted.
 - Mr. Meyer also presented an IWLA Junior Chapter Growth and Retention Award to the Chapter, which was accepted by Mr. Turner.
 - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that Friends of the NRA (FONRA) awards are delayed this year.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the Bylaws revisions previously approved by the Board will be voted on at the November 2020 General Membership Meeting.
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the pond dedication stone for Gilbert Ramey has been purchased, and the pond dedication is planned for Spring 2021.
 - Ms. Meara stated that the newsletter article deadline is September 22, 2020.
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that new catch and release signs are required at all of the fishing docks along the pond.
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the sponsorship of a FONRA dinner table previously approved cost \$1,500.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Mr. Hicks provided an update on the replacement of the red shed at field archery.
 - A discussion regarding an increase in lily pads at the pond was conducted, and how to best prevent further growth.
 - A discussion regarding refurbishing the bathroom facilities near the large pavilion was conducted.
- Conservation
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board of an upcoming Adopt-a-Highway event on September 27, 2020 from 9:00AM – Noon.
- Education and Training
 - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on recent basic pistol and reloading courses offered by the Chapter.
- EMS
 - Mr. Brino informed the Board that rock phosphate has recently been applied to the shotgun fall area, and that lime is currently being spread.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer informed the Board that there will be two Archery 101 classes in September.
- Target Archery
 - Mr. D’Imperio stated that he will be discussing with participants in target archery where the appropriate place to park their cars is.
 - Mr. D’Imperio also stated that there is lots of interest in the JOAD archery program, but class size limits due to COVID-19 are requiring that the courses be delayed.
- Air Range
 - Mr. Thrasher and Mr. Kuck provided an update on the High School Air Rifle season, which has been impacted by COVID-19. Mr. Thrasher stated that he does not anticipate a return to normal high school air range activities for several months.

- Mr. Thrasher stated that he wishes to hold more IWLA sponsored events to make up for the lack of a formal high school season.
- Rifle/Pistol
 - Mr. Frerking stated that the recent short day at R/P had the highest turnout yet.
 - Mr. Frerking also informed the Board that R/P is now allowing guests to visit R/P. Club and shared equipment has been stored away, and marks are required even while on the firing line.
 - Mr. Frerking also stated that the range is now open mornings based on RSO availability, and that organized events are now allowed.
- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino informed the Board of a recent successful Skeet shoot, and that there is a registered trap shoot scheduled for September 6, 2020; no food will be provided to the participants.
- Youth
 - Mr. Turner informed the Board that 2021 Youth Chapter renewals will begin on September 15, 2020.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nothing to report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Membership Retention/Recruitment
 - Tabled motion from March 10, 2020 BOD meeting: 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.
 - 1 – Motion brought off the table: Mr. Smith moved that the cost of a replacement range badge be lowered from \$25 to \$10. The motion was not adopted, with 6 in favor and 7 opposed.
 - 2 – Motion brought off the table: Mr. Smooth moved, Mr. Gagnon amended, that any member lending their range badge to another person will be brought before the Board for disciplinary action. The motion was adopted as amended.
 - Tabled motion from the March 10, 2020 BOD Meeting: 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. This motion was brought up from the table and laid back on the table.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Turner mentioned that the Large Pavilion is seeing a lot of use recently, and that it may need maintenance and/or repairs. Mr. Ciarula stated that he will work with the groundskeeper to evaluate the status of the Large Pavilion.

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

- Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary