

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 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. Designated Director: Roger Thrasher
- vi. Designated Director: Dick Riemer
- vii. Designated Director: Bob Brino
- viii. Designated Director: Robert D'Imperio
- ix. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
- x. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
- xi. Director-at-Large: Marv Hicks
- xii. Director-at-Large: Keith Kuck
- xiii. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith

d) Officers and Directors Absent

- i. Membership: Benn Crandall
- ii. Designated Director: John Seaberg
- iii. Designated Director: Bucky Sills
- iv. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
- v. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
- vi. 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:

- Ben Hays from BSA Troop 1525 presented a proposed Eagle Scout project to the Board, consisting of installing an ADA accessible stone path from the new parking lot to the Air Range. Mr. Kuck moved that the proposed Eagle Scout project be approved, with funds provided by the Air Range.
- Joe Arevalo, representing BSA Troop 17, requested the Large Pavilion on October 10 and 24, 2020 from 3:00-6:00PM. The facility use request was approved
- Arnie Heck, representing the National Capital Council Venturing Association, requested the use of the Field House on November 7, 2020 from 3:00-9:00PM. The facility use request was approved.
- Dave Sarmanian, representing BSA Troop 670, requested the use of Skeet/Trap on October 17, 2020 from 8:00AM – 2:00PM. The facility use request was approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Nothing to report.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the September 1, 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 September 2020. The ending balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$20,547.08.
- Mr. Crisman presented the proposed 2021 Chapter Budget to the Board. Proposed major expenditures associated with Capital Improvements include Rifle/Pistol baffles, Chapter front gate repairs, and HVAC/Duct work at the Chapter field house. Mr. Brino stated that he would transfer funds from Skeet/Trap to the Chapter in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with replacing the Rifle/Pistol baffles. Mr. Kuck moved that the proposed 2021 Chapter budget be approved. The motion was adopted.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Ms. Meara provided the membership update, including membership renewals. The Chapter currently has 2,092 total memberships.
- Ms. Meara informed the Board that the next New Member Orientation will be on October 17, 2020.
- Ms. Meara also informed the Board of an upcoming Gun Show that requires volunteers for recruitment activities.
- Renewals have begun, and Saturday office hours from 9:00AM – Noon are now in effect.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Transform 66
 - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on ongoing construction activities along Interstate 66, stating that progress has been made on installation of the retaining wall/sound wall.
- Bylaws
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the bylaws revisions previously approved by the Board will be in the next Chapter Newsletter and will be voted on by the membership at the regularly scheduled Membership meeting on November 17, 2020.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Mr. Hicks provided an update on the replacement of the red shed at field archery.
 - Mr. Hicks also informed the Board that the exterior of the Field House has recently been painted, small pavilion and picnic tables power washed.
 - Mr. Hicks stated that Boy Scouts are planning on using some of the excess red shed lumber for boardwalk areas around the pond.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara requested information from individual disciplines by October 30, 2020 to be discussed at the annual Chapter planning meeting.
- Conservation
 - Ms. Meara provided an update on the recent Adopt-a-Highway event. Nine volunteers participated for 3 hours (27 total man-hours) and removed 13 bags of trash (approximately 100 lbs.). The Chapter is planning 3 to 4 clean-up activities for next year.
- Education and Training
 - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on an upcoming personal protection outside the home class offered by the Chapter.
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the Education and Training planning meeting will be on November 14, 2020.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer informed the Board that the Chapter received a \$500 check from Suburban Whitetail.
 - Mr. Riemer also emphasized that those utilizing the deer cleaning station need to tie waste materials in trash bags before placing in the dumpster.
- Air Range
 - Mr. Thrasher provided an update on evolving coaching and club equipment procedures due to COVID-19.
- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino informed the Board of a recent successful Trap Shoot.
- Youth
 - Mr. Turner informed the Board that 2020 Wendel Thompson Match was successful, and that sport pistol/air pistol events have also been successful.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership Retention/Recruitment
 - Mr. Smith informed the Board that he has submitted an advertisement for the Chapter in his neighborhood newsletter.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- 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. Brino moved that the motion be tabled until the January 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting. Mr. Brino's motion was adopted and Mr. Smith's motion was tabled. This motion was brought up from the table and was postponed until the January 5, 2021 Board of Directors' meeting..

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Crisman moved, and Mr. Kuck amended, that wireless access points in the Field House be replaced at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. The motion was adopted.

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

- Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary