

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, November 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 (via telephone)
 - vi. Designated Director: Roger Thrasher
 - vii. Designated Director: Bucky Sills (via telephone)
 - viii. Designated Director: Dick Riemer
 - ix. Designated Director: Bob Brino
 - x. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
 - xi. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
 - xii. Director-at-Large: Keith Kuck
 - xiii. Director-at-Large: Marv Hicks
 - xiv. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
- d) Officers and Directors Absent
 - i. Designated Director: John Seaberg
 - ii. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
 - iii. Designated Director: Robert D'Imperio
 - iv. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
 - v. 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:

- Elliot Kaplan from BSA Troop 1137 presented a proposed Eagle Scout project to the Board, consisting of installing a new elevated boardwalk along the nature trail leading up to the existing bridge at the eastern end of the pond and near Camp Site 3. A discussion regarding the type of construction materials and how the boardwalk will be anchored to the ground while not restricting waterflow within the area of the boardwalk was conducted. Mr. Sills moved that the Eagle Scout project be approved, subject to further coordination and review by Mr. Sills and the addition of concrete footer foundations, with a budget estimate of \$966. The motion was adopted.
- Mary Ellen Horn representing BSA Troop 577 requested the use of Campsites 1-3 and the Small Pavilion on December 4 & 5, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Ms. Horn (BSA Troop 577) also requested the use of the Large Pavilion on Tuesday evenings from November 17 through December 15, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Will Sedmak representing BSA Troop 670 requested the use of Rifle/Pistol on November 21, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Ben Hays representing BSA Troop 1525 requested the use of Camp Sites 4-9 on December 12 and 13, 2020, as well as use of the Air Range on December 13, 2020. The facility use request was approved.
- Lee-Ann Chang representing NOVA Sharpshooters requested the use of the Field House on December 13, 2020. Mr. Ciarula moved that the facility use request be approved without fees. After discussion reiterating that masks are required to be worn inside, the motion was adopted and the facility use request was approved.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that the final notice relating to lawsuits against the Boy Scouts of America has been issued, and he asked for input from the Board on if any action needed to be taken. No motions were adopted.
- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that the Chapter recently received an unsolicited offer of \$45,247.50 to purchase the Chapter's property in Shenandoah County. A discussion regarding if the Chapter wished to sell the property was conducted; no motions were adopted.

- Mr. Ciarula provided an update on the status of Dr. Ed's estate. Mr. Ciarula stated that the Chapter is not identified or mentioned in the trust documents, but that the executor of the will plans to set up an annuity benefiting the Chapter from Dr. Ed's estate.

4. MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

- Minutes from the October 6, 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 October 31, 2020 was -\$5,834.43, reflecting that the Chapter's annual expenditures are over budget.
- Mr. Crisman informed the Board that the Chapter has received the stormwater management bond back from Fairfax County, with interest paid.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Ms. Meara provided the membership update, including membership renewals. The Chapter currently has 2,092 total memberships.
- Renewals have begun, and Saturday office hours from 9:00AM – Noon are now in effect.
- Ms. Meara stated that the Membership office is low on white range badges, and requested that any spare badges be returned to the Membership office.
- Ms. Meara also informed the Board of an upcoming Gun Show that requires volunteers for recruitment activities.
- Ms. Meara informed the Board that the next New Member Orientations will be on December 5, 2020.
- Mr. Brino inquired if the Membership office could print "Have You Renewed?" signs for posting around the Chapter.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Bylaws
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the bylaws revisions previously approved by the Board will be voted on by the membership at the regularly scheduled Membership meeting on November 17, 2020.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Mr. Sills provided an update on B&G activities at the Chapter, and informed those in attendance to stop selling firewood because we are sold out.
 - Mr. Sills moved that the hourly rate paid to our groundskeeper contractor be raised from \$31/hr to \$33/hr, not to exceed \$35,000 annually. The motion was adopted.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the Chapter has obtained a Zoom Account for use by Chapter disciplines, with Education and Training paying for the first year of the subscription (less than \$500). Mr. Thrasher stated he would investigate additional conference call technology for use at Board and General Membership meetings.
 - Ms. Meara requested information for inclusion in the next E-Blast from the various Designated Directors.
 - Ms. Meara stated that the Chapter calendar is up to date, and that it is important not to plan too many events at the Chapter on the same day.
- Education and Training
 - Mr. Sills informed the Board that there are three remaining classes being offered by the Chapter before the end of the year.
 - Mr. Sills also informed the Board that the annual E&T planning meeting will be on Saturday, November 14, 2020, and will be conducted over Zoom.
 - Mr. Sills suggested that a designated director be appointed the task of managing 6-hour volunteers to free up time for our paid groundskeeper contractor.
- EMS
 - Mr. Kuck presented the soil analysis results to the Board and stated that he needs assistance interpreting the results. Mr. Ciarula stated he would reach out to DEQ for their assistance.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer informed the Board that Field Archery recently received a \$500 donation to be used by Field Archery. Mr. Riemer stated that he plans to purchase the materials for the concrete foundation for the new red shed with the donated money.

- Air Range
 - Mr. Thrasher informed the Board that the Air Range has acquired a PHSRL Regional Champion Perpetual Trophy to be known as the Bob Hardy Cup, named after long time Robinson air rifle coach Bob Hardy.
 - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on the recent Centreville Cup with adaptive shooters, stating that the #3 adaptive shooter in the world came down from Connecticut to participate, and that we are now approved for VMA.
- Rifle/Pistol
 - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on R/P activities for Mr. Frerking. Mr. Ciarula stated that 6 new RSOs have been recruited recently, and that a R/P council has been established to help prepare a unified RSO handbook.
 - Mr. Ciarula stated that Mr. Frerking will present an annual project's list to the Board at the December Board meeting.
- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino informed the Board that 5 Chapter members recently won championships at the Virginia State Skeet Shoot, and that additional information will be in the Newsletter.
 - Mr. Brino stated that the planned annual Winter Trap and Skeet League will depend on COVID spikes, and that maintaining safety is of the utmost importance.
- Youth
 - Mr. Turner informed the Board that fewer than 30 junior members have renewed so far, and that elections will be held in December.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership Retention/Recruitment
 - Mr. Smith extended gratitude to Mr. Crandall for preparing and mailing the renewal reminder postcards to the membership.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Thrasher lead a discussion on the current disposition of the SIUS targets, which were purchased after passage of the following motion at the September 3, 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting:

“Mr. Frerking moved that the Chapter purchase electronic targets for Rifle/Pistol at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, with \$24,000 acquired from Air Range funds, \$24,000 acquired from Rifle/Pistol funds, and \$12,000 acquired from Education and Training funds. The motion was adopted with fifteen (15) in favor and two (2) against.”

Mr. Thrasher questioned if the targets will ever be utilized and asked the Board if we should investigate potentially selling the targets. Mr. Thrasher stated that the Chapter paid \$57,000 in total to acquire the targets, with \$53,000 of that being used for the actual purchase of the targets. If the targets are sold, Mr. Thrasher suggests that the proceeds be redistributed to the Chapter disciplines in the ratio for which they contributed to their purchase. Mr. Kuck reiterated for the record that he has tried to contact R/P several times to work on this issue.

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

- Mr. Crandall stated that he anticipates an increase in new members this year, and that 6-hour volunteer opportunities are required from the various designated directors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary