

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America  
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Tom Ciarula.

- 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 – Tom Ciarula
  - ii) Vice-President – Pamela Meara
  - iii) Secretary – Sean Gagnon
  - iv) Treasurer – Bob Crisman
  - v) Designated Director – Dick Riemer
  - vi) Designated Director – Bill Frerking
  - vii) Director-at-Large – Keith Kuck
  - viii) Director-at-Large – Chris Rose

2. **MEMBER TIME**

- Nothing brought before the membership.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula provided an update on the Chapter's ongoing response to COVID-19. Mr. Ciarula stated that all attendants at the meeting have had their temperature checked on arrival, and that attendance is limited to 25 people.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the October 2020 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 September 2020 to the Membership.
  - Income: \$378,177.43
  - Expenditures: \$384,011.86
  - Balance Remaining: (\$5,834.43)

6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Ms. Meara provided an update on status of the Membership, stating that there have been 159 new members since August 1, 2020. Ms. Meara also stated that Saturday membership office hours are 9:00AM – 1:00PM, and that there is an upcoming gun show for member recruitment.
- Ms. Meara moved to accept the candidates from the November New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted, and 17 new members were admitted to the Chapter.

7. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- By-Laws
  - Ms. Meara stated that the proposed By-Laws revisions, previously approved by the Board of Directors at the August 4, 2020 meeting, were in the November – January Chapter Newsletter.
  - Ms. Meara moved that the Chapter Bylaws and Ground Rules be revised to read as follows. The motion was adopted:

**Grounds Rules**

**GENERAL**

**4. MINORS.** *Minors under 18 years of age are not permitted to use the property and its facilities **unless accompanied by an adult chapter member** or as a participant in a Chapter sponsored or sanctioned activity.*  
*a. Minors, including the children of Chapter members, who use Chapter facilities on a regular basis as part of a Chapter sponsored or sanctioned activity (class, team, club, etc.) are required to be members of the Youth Chapter, unless waived by the board of directors.*

*b. Youth Chapter members use of Chapter facilities is limited to participation in sponsored organized activities (meetings, practices, etc.) or sanctioned by the Chapter when not accompanied by an adult who is also a chapter member.*

## **ARTICLE II**

### **2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL DUES.**

*h. Youth Membership. The Arlington-Fairfax Youth Chapter is a chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (Arlington-Fairfax Youths). While a separately chartered chapter of the IWLA, it is not a separate corporation but part of the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., of the IWLA. They are governed by their own bylaws, rules, and procedures separate and different from these bylaws. See Ground Rules, General, 4. Minors, for more information.*

- Building & Grounds
  - Mr. Ciarula stated that Chris Rose will be the lead Director coordinating 6 and 8 hour volunteer work parties.
- Communication
  - Ms. Meara stated that a new eblast was emailed to the membership, all ranges now have updated COVID protocols in place, and to refer to the Chapter website for the most current information.
- Conservation
  - Mr. Ciarula stated that one more Adopt-a-Highway event is planned for the year.
- Education & Training
  - Mr. Ciarula informed the membership that course offerings by the Chapter are ongoing, with NRA Coach School and an RSO class upcoming. Please see the Chapter website for the schedule of classes.
- EMS
  - Mr. Ciarula provided an update on the Chapter's Environmental Management System (EMS) and the application to Level 4 of the Virginia Environmental Excellency Program (VEEP). Mr. Ciarula stated that the ongoing application of rock phosphate at the Chapter is being reviewed by Chapter leadership.
- Field Archery
  - Mr. Riemer provided an update on Field Archery activities, stating that Field Archery is open Monday – Thursday from 6:00 – 9:00PM and that Archery 101 classes are offered monthly.
- Rifle/Pistol
  - Mr. Frerking informed the Membership that the Rifle/Pistol range has transitioned to winter hours as of November 1, 2021.
  - Mr. Frerking stated that the Rifle/Pistol range is investigating the potential to replace the range baffles and is seeking input.
  - Mr. Frerking stated that November 29, 2021 will be a short-range day at Rifle/Pistol

### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- Nothing to report.

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Art Twichell welcomed all those in attendance to participate in Bull Run Muzzle Loaders events, which are conducted on the third Sunday every month at Rifle/Pistol.

### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary