

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America  
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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) Membership – Benn Crandall
  - vi) Designated Director – Keith Kuck
  - vii) Designated Director – Steve Rumble
  - viii) Designated Director – Dick Riemer
  - ix) Designated Director – Bill Frerking
  - x) Designated Director – Joe Turner
  - xi) Director-at-Large – Chris Rose

2. **MEMBER TIME**

- Nothing brought before the membership.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula informed the membership that he received a letter from Mr. Brad Olsen, a participant in the 2021 Winter Skeet and Trap League. Mr. Olsen's letter extended his thanks and appreciation to Bob Brino, John Seaberg, Benn Crandall, and Pam Meara for their assistance with helping make the annual league a success during COVID-19.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the November 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: \$296,013.17
  - Expenditures: \$87,363.45
  - Balance Remaining: \$228,649.62
- In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws pertaining to budget adjustments and as previously approved by the Board of Directors at the April 6, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting, Mr. Crisman moved to adjust the annual budget to account for a budget surplus due to a spreadsheet calculation error, and that the funds be allocated as follows: \$4,800 be allocated to capital expenditures for the Field Archery shed and \$3,500 be allocated to Building & Grounds supplies. The motion was adopted.

6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Mr. Crandall provided an update on status of the Membership, stating that the Chapter currently has 2,032 active memberships and 168 openings. Mr. Crandall also stated that an e-mail campaign was conducted to renew the memberships of relapsed memberships; this campaign netted 30 additional membership renewals.
- Mr. Crandall moved to accept the candidates from the April New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted, and 27 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 January 5, 2021 meeting, were in the February – April Chapter Newsletter.
  - Ms. Meara moved that the Chapter Bylaws and Ground Rules be revised to read as follows. The motion was adopted, with one member voting against:

- § Article I (1) Eligibility. Any person who is of good character, eighteen (18) years of age or older, may be elected to membership. Applicants shall attend a new member orientation, pay the required dues, and initiation fee, ~~do six (6) hours of required service work at~~ to the Chapter, and then shall be considered ~~for membership~~ for membership (with restricted range and chapter privileges until the required six (6) hour service work is performed, to expire after a time period determined by the Board) by the Chapter members present at a ~~regular~~ membership meeting. Once the member performs the required six (6) hours of service work they will then be granted full range and chapter privileges and receive their permanent range badge. The Board of Directors may authorize a fee-in-lieu of service hours.
- Building & Grounds
  - Mr. Ciarula stated that construction of the new field archery shed is still ongoing, and is utilizing lumber obtained from trees located on the Chapter property.
- Communication
  - Ms. Meara stated that the website is updated daily and eblasts are sent out to members periodically.
  - Mr. Crandall reminded the membership to use their full name as it appears on their membership card when signing up for volunteer activities on Sign-up Genius so that hours can be tracked accurately.
- Conservation
  - Mr. Steve Rumble introduced himself to the Membership as the new Designated Director for Conservation, replacing John Seaberg. Mr. Rumble stated that there will be an Adopt-a-Highway event on May 2, 2021.
- Education & Training
  - Mr. Ciarula informed the membership that course offerings by the Chapter are ongoing, with NRA shotgun and NRA personal protection outside of the home classes upcoming. Please see the Chapter website for the schedule of classes.
- Field Archery
  - Mr. Riemer provided an update on Field Archery activities, stating that the annual spring cleanup occurred in March 2021 and the range is in good condition.
  - Mr. Riemer also informed the Membership that Fairfax County archery qualifications are being conducted on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings through late June.
- Air Range
  - Mr. Kuck informed the Membership of upcoming clinics being held at the Air Range in June and July.
- Rifle/Pistol
  - Mr. Frerking informed the Membership that the Rifle/Pistol range is open almost every day, but to check the Chapter website/calendar to check for closures. Mr. Frerking also stated he is seeking additional RSOs.
  - Mr. Frerking informed the Membership of monthly matches held at the Rifle/Pistol range, including service rifle, Bull Run Muzzleloaders, and bullseye pistol.
  - Mr. Frerking stated that planned improvements to the range include replacing the baffles, roof, and constructing a permanent short range shooting area, and that an architect has been retained to assist.

#### 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Nothing to report.

#### 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nothing to report.

#### 10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- See Chapter Calendar for current list of events, which is frequently updated to reflect evolving conditions <https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/>.