

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

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) 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: Keith Kuck
 - vi. Designated Director: Steve Rumble
 - vii. Designated Director: John Seaberg
 - viii. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
 - ix. Designated Director: Bob Brino
 - x. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
 - xi. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
 - xii. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
 - xiii. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz
 - xiv. Director-at-Large: Marv Hicks
- c) Officers and Directors Absent
 - i. Membership: Benn Crandall
 - ii. Designated Director: Dick Riemer
 - iii. Designated Director: Robert D’Imperio
 - iv. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
 - v. Director-at-Large: Roger Trasher
- d) Others Introduced
 - i. Steve Landry – Elections Committee Chair
 - ii. Scott Meyer – IWLA National Treasurer

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

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

- Pam Gercken (BSA Troop 695) – Large Pavilion on Wednesday evenings from August 18 – October 27, 2021, 6:30PM – 9:30PM
- Andrew Arrange (BSA Troop 1887) – Camp 1-3, Small Pavilion, Outhouse on August 13-15, 2021
- Fred Ansick (Cub Run Archers) – Large Pavilion on August 14/15 and 28/29, 2021 from 7:00AM – 1:00PM
- Eliot Jardines (Scholastic Action Shooting) – Rifle/Pistol on June 27, 2021.
- Brandon Piszker (Eagle Scout Project) – Gun rack, bench with roof, and picnic table. Estimated cost of \$823, with funds to be provided by Skeet/Trap. Anticipates completion by early September.

3. **PRESIDENT’S TIME**

- In honor of Memorial Day, Mr. Ciarula provided members of the Board and those in attendance with “Buddy” Poppies from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- Mr. Ciarula provided an update on COVID restrictions at the Chapter, and stated that Rifle/Pistol and Skeet/Trap are open at full capacity.
- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that NOVEC is seeking an electrical easement to connect a light pole along Interstate 66 to a source of electricity near the archery field house. The easement is estimated at 20-feet wide and approximately 100 feet long, and NOVEC is offering \$700 for the easement.
- Mr. Ciarula stated that Mr. Poe’s property has not been removed from the Chapter’s land in Clarke County, Virginia.
- Mr. Ciarula stated that he has requested the advice of a real estate agent on the value of the Chapter’s land in Clarke County, Virginia, and informed the Board that the agent stated the land could potentially be sold for up to \$150,000. A discussion was conducted on whether the Board wanted to have such a relationship with a real estate agent, and if the

Board was interested in selling the property (see November 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting minutes). Topics of discussion included if now is the best time to sell, is the property buildable, adjacent land uses, does selling of the property require approval by the membership, does selling of the property require notification to IWLA National, and if the lack of use of the property due to lack of knowledge of its existence. An informal straw poll was conducted to determine the Board's general opinion on whether more information should be gathered regarding the potential sale of the Clarke County property; the Board was generally split in its opinions based on the informal straw poll. Mr. Ciarula stated he would author a letter to the Membership to be included in the next Chapter Newsletter, and would circulate a draft to members of the Board for comment prior to publishing.

4. MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

- Minutes from the May 2021 Board of Directors Meetings were distributed for review. The minutes were approved as written.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Crisman presented the budget report as of May 2021. Income of \$322,768.77, Expenses of \$117,356.76, and the ending balance as of end of May 2021 was \$205,412.01. Budget report was accepted as submitted.
- Mr. Crisman inquired if anyone knew Bill Klarig, as the Chapter recently received a \$50 donation in his honor. After the meeting, Ms. Meara and Mr. Frerking found that William Klorig was identified as a Rifle/Pistol Emeritus Range Officer in 2015 and elected as a Director-at-Large in 1999 and 2001.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Ms. Meara presented the membership report as of May 2021. Currently we have 2,080 memberships for 2021, and that 150 people have registered for the June and July New Member Orientations (NMO).
- Ms. Meara reminded the Directors to utilize SignUpGenius for volunteer work parties, and not paper slips.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Awards and Grants
 - Mr. Meyer stated that awards will be given after the National Convention, and that he is now the Chairman of the Fairfax Friends of the NRA (FONRA).
 - Mr. Meyer stated that the annual FONRA dinner will be on September 24, 2021, and that table sponsorships seating 8 are available for \$1,500. Ms. Meara moved that the Chapter sponsor a table at the FONRA dinner for \$1,500. Mr. Gagnon stated that annual budget does not account for this donation (only \$500.00 is in the approved budget for donations) and inquired where the money for this sponsorship will come from. In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, given that this expense item is not in the approved budget it requires approval by the membership at a General Membership meeting. The motion was adopted pending approval by the membership.
- Bylaws
 - Ms. Meara distributed new Bylaws booklets (blue) to the members of the Board and those in attendance, which take into account recent updates to the Bylaws.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Mr. Hicks provided an update on the archery shed progress, stating that construction should be finishing soon and that Cub Run Archers paid for the sealant used on the shed.
 - Mr. Hicks stated that the Chapter recently acquired free asphalt millings for use at the Chapter, and that they will be located onsite while they are slowly used.
 - Mr. Hicks provided an update on other Buildings and Grounds projects, including extending the shotgun parking lot, removing dead trees, cutting leftover lumber scraps, repositioning Gilbert Ramey's memorial stone, mulching throughout the property, target archery backstop repairs, ice machine maintenance.
 - Mr. Hicks inquired about the history of waste/septic facilities onsite, and what maintenance has been done on them. It was identified that a Chapter member previously provided septic maintenance services at the Chapter in exchange for a membership.
 - Mr. Hicks stated that vegetation growing in the pond is a major issue that needs to be dealt with.
 - Mr. Hicks stated that the floor in the archery field house is coming up, and that the porch is flaking and peeling.
 - Mr. Hicks stated that the split rail fence at the stormwater management facility is having issues.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the recent e-blast have been distributed, and to please communicate with her if you have information you would like in the e-blast.

- Conservation
 - Mr. Rumble stated that an Adopt-a-Highway event was conducted in May, and that he plans to conduct 3 more this year. The next schedule event is on June 27, 2021.
 - Mr. Rumble stated that there were 15 participants at the May event, and 15 bags of trash were collected.
- Elections
 - Mr. Landry provided an update on the upcoming annual Chapter elections, stated that if you are interested in running for Chapter office to please email him, and informed the Board that he is looking for poll volunteers.
- Education and Training
 - Mr. Seaberg provided an update on Chapter education and training opportunities, stating that classes are filling up quickly. Upcoming full classes include NRA basic pistol and basic shotgun.
 - Mr. Seaberg also stated that he recently acquired Education and Training materials from Bucky's estate.
- EMS
 - Mr. Hicks inquired on when the last time the drinking water at the Chapter was sampled/tested.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Smith stated that there is an upcoming 3D Money Shoot at Field Archery on Saturday, June 19, 2021.
 - Mr. Smith stated that ongoing Fairfax County Parks qualifications are ongoing.
 - Mr. Hicks inquired if parking in the athletic field or under the large pavilion is allowed. Mr. Hicks was informed that both activities are not allowed at the Chapter.
- Air Range
 - Mr. Kuck stated that the Air Range will be closed for two weeks starting on Saturday, June 5, 2021 to have the range floor sealed.
 - Mr. Meyer stated that the Air Range recently received a grant for \$25,000 from the Midway USA Foundation for range development, and that this grant will be utilized to allow for small bore shooting at the Air Range.
- Target Archery
 - Ms. Meara stated that the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program has started, and 16 youth participated in the most recent program.
- Rifle/Pistol
 - Mr. Frerking stated that there are no major updates on the baffles/range retrofit project.
 - Mr. Frerking also stated that the range is back to original capacity, and the recent short range day was a success.
- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino stated that there was a registered trap shoot recently, with strong attendance, and that ammunition is difficult to find.
 - Mr. Brino stated that the Chapter has acquired a source of ammunition for the Crush'n Clays Charity Shoot to Benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is scheduled for June 12, 2021

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nothing to report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Todd Skipper informed the Board that if the Virginia State Police are given prior official notification of an upcoming swap meet/gun show, he can provide FFL services at the Chapter without having to store records or have regular hours at the Chapter. Mr. Kuck moved to designate Mr. Skipper as the FFL for Chapter swap meets/gun shows, and that Mr. Skipper will be required to file the appropriate paperwork with the State. The motion was adopted.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary