

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, June 15, 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) Designated Director – Keith Kuck
 - vi) Designated Director – Steve Rumble
 - vii) Designated Director – Dick Riemer
 - viii) Designated Director – Bob Brino
 - ix) Director-at-Large – Chris Rose
 - x) Director-at-Large – Jim Smith
 - xi) Director-at-Large – Oscar Starz
 - xii) Director-at-Large – Marv Hicks

2. **MEMBER TIME**

- Nothing brought before the membership.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Mr. Ciarula presented the 2020 Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award to Dr. David Dobbins, Chair of the Chapter's Scholarship Committee. The nomination reads:

Dr. Dobbins has run the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc. of the IWLA scholarship program for 24 consecutive years. Dr. Dobbins joined the Chapter in 1991 and by 1997 was running the Chapter's scholarship program. During his tenure, the annual value of the four-year scholarship has increased from \$750 to \$5,000 annually. Each year Dr. Dobbins evaluates 10-20 applications, selecting one scholarship winner that he then presents to the Board for approval. He not only evaluates the applications, but works with local schools to ensure the Chapter receives high quality applicants in an environmental or conservation related field of study.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the May 2021 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 May 2021 to the Membership.
 - Income: \$322,768.77
 - Expenditures: \$117,356.76
 - Balance Remaining: \$205,412.01

6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Mr. Crandall provided an update on status of the Membership, stating that the Chapter currently has 118 openings. Mr. Crandall reminded the membership that range badges are required to be worn while utilizing any of the Chapter ranges.
- Mr. Crandall moved to accept the candidates from the June New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted, and 51 new members were admitted to the Chapter.

7. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Scholarship
 - Dr. Dobbins presented the Chapter's annual scholarship to William Beer from West Springfield High School, who plans to major in forestry in college. A complimentary student membership was also awarded to Mr. Beer.
- Elections
 - Mr. Landry informed the membership about the upcoming Chapter elections, and that volunteers are needed with opportunities listed on SignUp Genius.

- Mr. Landry stated that the following people have expressed interest in running for Chapter office:
 - President – Tom Ciarula (incumbent)
 - Secretary – Sean Gagnon (incumbent)
 - Membership Director – Benn Crandall (incumbent)
 - Field Archery Director – Dick Riemer (incumbent)
 - Rifle-Pistol Director – Bill Frerking (incumbent)
 - Air Range Director – Keith Kuck (incumbent)
 - Youth Activities Director – Joe Turner (incumbent)
 - Director-at-Large – Carl Armstrong (incumbent)
 - Director-at-Large – Chris Rose (incumbent)
 - Director-at-Large – Fred Ansick
 - Director-at-Large – David Burke
 - Director-at-Large – Bill Clayton
 - Director-at-Large – Bruce Crandlemire
- After naming the above nominees, Mr. Landry asked those in attendance if there were any additional nominations from the floor. A Chapter member nominated Pamela Meara for the position of President from the floor. Ms. Meara accepted the nomination.
- Given that there were no more nominations made, Mr. Landry closed the nominations and stated that the elections will be held on July 10, 11, 17, and 18.
- Building & Grounds
 - Mr. Hicks stated that there is free firewood (pine) available by the large pavilion, and also reminded the members in attendance not to take the cut hardwood which is for sale.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara reminded those in attendance to use the first and last name on your membership card when signing up for volunteer hours on SignUpGenius, and that when you sign up to volunteer you must show up.
- Conservation
 - Mr. Rumble stated that there will be an Adopt-a-Highway event on June 27, 2021 and that he needs volunteers.
- Education & Training
 - Ms. Meara stated that the recent NRA Women on Target event was very successful with 60 registered participants.
- EMS
 - Mr. Brino stated that he is constantly monitoring conditions at Skeet/Trap as it relates to the Chapter's Environmental Management System (EMS).
 - Mr. Kuck mentioned that he enjoyed Mr. Brino's article on the EMS in the Chapter's newsletter.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer stated that Field Archery is very busy with Fairfax archery qualifications, Archery 101 classes, and an upcoming Money Shoot.
- Target Archery
 - Ms. Meara stated that the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program started recently, and to contact Jeff Delvecchio for information.
- Air Range
 - Mr. Kuck informed the membership that the Air Range has been closed recently for range floor improvements, and that the range will hopefully re-open on Friday.
 - Mr. Kuck stated that range time is reserved via SignUpGenius for open hours on Mondays and Fridays.

- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino provided an update on the recent Crush'n Clays charity shoot benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mr. Brino stated that there were over 100 participants, and extended his gratitude to all who helped make the event a success.
 - Mr. Brino also stated that he is looking for more youth and women to participate in shotgun, and to reach out to him if you would like to know more.
- Membership Retention
 - Mr. Smith reminded those in attendance that we still have membership openings, and extended his gratitude to the new members in attendance for joining the Chapter.
- Historian
 - Ms. Goodenough informed those in attendance that in 1967 the Chapter had a write-in campaign to prevent the construction of a Virginia Electric Power Company facility in Salem Church. The construction was ultimately cancelled, and the land given to conservation purposes.
 - Ms. Goodenough also stated that in 1968 the Chapter acquired its P.O. box, first established a budget for youth, changed the election schedule, and was the first year without resident scouts at the Chapter.

8. ***OLD BUSINESS***

- Nothing to report.

9. ***NEW BUSINESS***

- Mr. Starz informed those in attendance that small bore training is on Friday evenings, and that there are adaptive shooting opportunities at the air range for those with disabilities.

10. ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary