

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.
Board of Directors - Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Ciarula at 7:35 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. Membership: Benn Crandall
 - v. Treasurer: Bob Crisman
 - vi. Designated Director: Dick Riemer
 - vii. Designated Director: Keith Kuck
 - viii. Designated Director: Steve Rumble
 - ix. Designated Director: John Seaberg
 - x. Designated Director: Bill Frerking
 - xi. Designated Director: Bob Brino
 - xii. Designated Director: Joseph Turner
 - xiii. Director-at-Large: Chris Rose
 - xiv. Director-at-Large: Oscar Starz
 - xv. Director-at-Large: Marv Hicks
 - xvi. Director-at-Large: Carl Armstrong
 - xvii. Director-at-Large: Roger Trasher
- c) Officers and Directors Absent
 - i. Designated Director: Robert D'Imperio
 - ii. Director-at-Large: Jim Smith
- d) Others Introduced
 - i. Steve Landry – Elections Committee Chair
 - ii. Scott Meyer – IWLA National Treasurer
 - iii. Tom Pike – Scout Coordinator
 - iv. June Goodenough - Historian

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

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

- Les Flores (Civil Air Patrol) – Air Range on July 11, 2021.
- Dick Riemer (Fairfax County Park Archery) – Large Pavilion on August 15 and 22 from 1:00PM – 2:00PM.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- A discussion regarding the potential sale of the Chapter's property in Clarke County, Virginia was conducted. Topics of discussion included:
 - Q: What is the goal of informing the membership regarding the potential sale? A: To inform members that we have property and are considering selling, and that the Board is seeking feedback.
 - Q: What will the money be used for? A: No answer
 - Q: What are the mechanics of selling? A: Decision to sell must be made before we put the property on the market
 - Q: When does National IWLA get involved? A: When the sale of assets reaches 10% of Chapter assets
 - Q: Should we wait for membership input before the Board votes on sale? A: Yes
- Mr. Ciarula informed the Board that the Chapter was recently awarded the Defenders Chapter Achievement Award from National IWLA.

4. MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

- Minutes from the June 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 June 2021. Income of \$346,559.27, Expenses of \$138,831.45, and the ending balance as of end of June 2021 was \$207,727.82. Budget report was accepted as submitted.
- Mr. Crisman stated that the 2021 budget estimated \$320,000 in income from membership dues but that we have received approximately \$342,000 in dues to date.
- Mr. Crisman inquired if anyone knew why the Chapter received an invoice from the Winchester Equipment Company for approximately \$42. Mr. Hicks stated that it was for a new door hinge for the Kubota.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Mr. Crandall presented the membership report as of June 2021. Currently we have 2,155 memberships for 2021, which is the highest it has been in four years. Mr. Crandall stated that the September and October NMOs will not be cancelled due to known annual turnover.
- Mr. Crandall reminded the Designated Directors in attendance to submit their 8 hour volunteer slips by October 1, 2021 so that Chapter volunteers can be credited when they renew.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Elections
 - Mr. Landry stated that all volunteer shifts have been filled, and sample ballots have been distributed to the various Chapter disciplines.
 - Mr. Landry also stated that the upcoming elections have been advertised via eblast and newsletter, and that each of the candidates has a biography available for review by the membership.
 - Mr. Landry stated that elections will begin this weekend, and the results will be announced at the July 2021 General Membership meeting.
- Awards and Grants
 - Mr. Meyer stated that he is submitting the Chapter for the Chapter Efficiency Award from the Virginia Division.
- Buildings and Grounds
 - Mr. Hicks stated that the septic tanks have been pumped, and that non-paper products were found in the outhouse septic tanks.
 - Mr. Hicks moved that the Chapter provide a membership to Mr. Johnston in exchange for pumping Chapter septic and holding tanks as needed, and as requested by the Director of Buildings and Grounds.
 - Mr. Armstrong asked if this agreement would be in perpetuity? Mr. Hicks stated that the agreement would remain as long as the service of pumping the septic and holding tanks was provided.
 - Mr. Gagnon asked what the average cost of pumping a septic tank is, and if this is a good financial decision for the Chapter. Mr. Hicks estimated that a normal tank costs \$200-\$300 to empty, that we have four tanks and outhouses on the Chapter, and that this is a good financial decision for the Chapter.
 - The motion was adopted.
 - Mr. Rose stated that he has emailed the Designated Directors in the past, and that he needs a list of Chapter tasks in order to effectively coordinate volunteer hours for new members.
- Communication
 - Ms. Meara informed the Board that the Chapter received a Glock 43 by attending the FONRA dinner, and that it is being raffled to support the Youth Chapter.
 - Ms. Meara also stated that the FONRA dinner will be on September 24, 2021, and would like to know who is interested in attending.
- Conservation
 - Mr. Rumble stated that an Adopt-a-Highway event was conducted on June 27, 2021 with 12 volunteers.
 - Mr. Rumble stated that the trash collected during each event is less each time due to the regularity of the scheduled clean-ups. Mr. Rumble stated that he is planning on holding another Adopt-a-Highway event in September or October.
 - Mr. Crandall asked if we could do two clean-up activities per year on the Chapter and two clean-up activities per year along the Adopt-a-Highway route. Mr. Rumble said that could work.

- Education and Training
 - Mr. Seaberg stated that 16 courses (200 students) have been completed this year, and that there are 16 courses remaining.
 - Upcoming full classes include Defensive Pistol and Metallic Reloading in July.
- EMS
 - Mr. Brino stated that surface water samples have recently been collected for lead sampling.
- Field Archery
 - Mr. Riemer stated that Fairfax archery qualifications have been completed, and that he conveyed a check in the amount of \$1,655 to Mr. Crisman as Chapter income.
 - Mr. Riemer informed the Board of new rules being implemented by Fairfax County for their suburban archery program, and that all heads of harvested deer need to be given to the County to be tested for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Mr. Riemer moved that a freezer provided by the Department of Wildlife Resources be placed by the Field Archery shed to collect deer heads for this use. Mr. Riemer stated that animal police officers will visit the Chapter 2-3 times per week to collect the heads, and that the freezer is to be utilized for park hunting participants only. Mr. Frerking asked if the freezer needs to be publicly accessible. Mr. Riemer stated that it does not need to be publicly accessible. The motion was adopted.
- Rifle/Pistol
 - Mr. Frerking stated that 13 members have shown interest in becoming RSOs, but only 3 members have committed.
 - Mr. Frerking stated that he is experimenting on how to safely use reactive targets at the R/P range, and that he is working on formal instructions/rules to be used at the range.
 - Mr. Frerking offered to walk anyone interested through the proposed range refit at R/P to discuss plans, and that he wants to make sure the range updates are designed correctly. Mr. Frerking stated that he is hoping to have a plan finalized by this fall.
- Skeet/Trap
 - Mr. Brino stated that the Crush'n Clays Charity Shoot to Benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was a great success, and that he will report the final numbers to the Board once they have been finalized. Mr. Brino thanked all those who helped make the event a success.
 - Mr. Brino also stated that he will be seeking sponsorships for next years' event to help offset costs and increase charitable donations.
 - Mr. Brino also thanked Mr. Hicks, Keith Pearson, and the Hickersons for their assistance installing a new trap machine.
- Youth Activities
 - Mr. Turner stated that raffle tickets for a Glock 43 are currently for sale to support the Youth Chapter, and to see him for information.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nothing to report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

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

- Mr. Gagnon brought several unanswered questions to the Board's attention regarding the recent granting of an easement to NOVEC behind the Field Archery club house associated with the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project.
- Mr. Gagnon stated that he objected to the granting of the easement without approval by the Board, even though the easement was subject to acquisition by the State via eminent domain. Mr. Gagnon stated that he believes that Board members do not have authority to sign documents granting easements or to sell Chapter assets without explicit approval of the Board. After discussion, no motions were proposed or adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary