

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America  
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, August 17, 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 – Carl Armstrong
  - xii) Director-at-Large – Chris Rose
  - xiii) Director-at-Large – Marv Hicks

2. **MEMBER TIME**

- Nothing brought before the membership.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Nothing to report.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the July 2021 General Membership Meeting were available for all to review. Mr. Ciarula corrected the minutes to state the \$6,000 requested in 1970 for a field house with a 6-foot porch was for Skeet/Trap.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Crisman presented the Budget Report through the end of July 2021 to the Membership.
  - Income: \$348,628.72
  - Expenditures: \$173,003.08
  - Balance Remaining: \$175,625.64

6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Mr. Crandall provided an update on status of the Membership, stating that the Chapter currently has 2,203 memberships accounted for. Mr. Crandall stated that the last time the Chapter had 2,200 memberships was in 2015.
- Mr. Crandall moved to accept the candidates from the August New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted, and 41 new members were admitted to the Chapter.

7. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Building & Grounds
  - Mr. Hicks stated that asphalt millings have been successfully applied to the Chapter roads.
- Youth
  - Mr. Turner stated that the Youth Board of Directors will be installed later in the meeting.
  - Mr. Turner drew the raffle for a Glock handgun after 200 tickets had been sold. The winner was James Repass. \$4,000 was raised for youth activities at the Chapter.
- Field Archery
  - Mr. Riemer stated that the Field Archery range is very busy with deer season starting soon, and that Archery 101 classes are always full.

- Target Archery
  - Mr. Riemer stated that Jeff Delvecchio is now accepting applications for participation in the upcoming Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Program.
  - Mr. Riemer also stated that they are seeking additional archery instructors.
- Air Range
  - Mr. Kuck stated that the Air Range recently held several successful clinics.
  - Mr. Kuck reminded those in alternance that the Air Range is open on Mondays and Fridays for public use, and that reservations are required via SignUpGenius.
  - Mr. Kuck informed the membership that Lucas Kozeniesky won a silver medal at the recent Tokyo Olympics in Mixed 10 Meter Air Rifle Team.
- Rifle/Pistol
  - Mr. Frerking informed the Membership of upcoming events at Rifle/Pistol, including a service rifle match, Bull Run muzzleloaders, and short range day.
  - Mr. Frerking stated that there are two ongoing/long-term projects occurring at Rifle/Pistol.
    - The use of steel and reactive targets is being reassessed.
    - Baffle and roof replacement at the Rifle/Pistol range. Mr. Frerking stated that an architecture firm has recently been hired to design the range updates. The plan is to replace all of the baffles and roof, re-align the supports to increase shooting spots, and create a shorted backstop to allow closer targets for 1/3 of the range. Mr. Frerking also stated that 3 action pistol bays are proposed.
- Historian
  - Ms. Goodenough stated that in 1971, prospective new members has to attend a Board meeting an explain their intentions to join, and were then voted in at the following general membership meeting if approved.
- Elections
  - The following winners of the 2021 Chapter Election were sworn in by Mr. Herbert Pritchett, IWLA Virginia Division First Vice President:
    - President – Pam Meara
    - Secretary – Sean Gagnon
    - Membership Director – Benn Crandall
    - Field Archery Director – Dick Riemer
    - Rifle-Pistol Director – Bill Frerking
    - Air Range Director – Keith Kuck
    - Youth Activities Director – Joe Turner
    - Director-at-Large – Carl Armstrong
    - Director-at-Large – Chris Rose
    - Director-at-Large – Fred Ansick
  - The following winners of the 2021 Youth Chapter Election were sworn in by Mr. Herbert Pritchett, IWLA Virginia Division First Vice President:
    - Eric Pattenson – President
    - Thomas Mikolashek – Secretary
    - Alex Morris – Treasurer
    - Ryan Kim – Director-at-Large
    - Suman Sanghera – Director-at-Large
    - Victoria Leppert – Director-at-Large

## 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Nothing to report.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Starz informed those in attendance that the high school air range season is starting, and that there will be small bore practice at the Rifle/Pistol range.
- Ms. Meara extended her thanks to Mr. Ciarula for his long term of leadership at the Chapter.
- Mr. Bob Bell stated that the Chapter recently submitted its annual report to National, and thanks the directors for their help.
- Mr. Starz stated that the Chapter owns property in the western portion of the state, and that the Board is considering selling it. Ms. Meara stated that there is additional information in the newsletter.
- Mr. Pritchett stated that he is happy to see so many women in leadership positions throughout the Izaak Walton League of America, including the National President (Vicki Arnold), National Vice President (Jodi Arndt Labs), and President of the largest chapter of IWLA (Pamela Meara, Arlington-Fairfax).
- A member inquired on how to use the Shenandoah property for hunting. The member was directed to the Chapter website for information on facility use requests.
- A member inquired on the process for installing a new Vice President now that the position is vacant. The member was informed that a new Vice President will be appointed at the September Board of Directors' meeting in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws.
- Mr. Ansick reminded the members that badges are to be worn on all of the Chapter ranges. Mr. Kuck stated that the Air Range is frequently open to the public, and that there are times when participants will not have range badges.
- A member stated that a friend of his recently purchased a skeet range in Paeonian Springs, Virginia and that he has two trap machines offered for sale. Mr. Crandall informed the member to reach out to Mr. Bob Brino, director of Skeet/Trap.

**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 8:18 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary