

Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Inc., Izaak Walton League of America  
General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, November 16, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Pam Meara.

- 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 – Pamela Meara
  - ii) Vice-President – Chris Rose
  - 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 – Steve Landry
  - xii) Director-at-Large – Fred Ansick
  - xiii) Director-at-Large – Marv Hicks

2. **MEMBER TIME**

- Nothing brought before the membership.

3. **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

- Ms. Meara informed the membership that Chapter hours of operation are in effect, and that additional information is in the Chapter newsletter. Facility hours are in compliance with the approved Special Exception for the Chapter and are posted at all ranges and the front gate.

4. **MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from the October 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 October 2021 to the Membership.
  - Income: \$375,263.88
  - Expenditures: \$246,096.64
  - Balance Remaining: \$129,167.24
  - Total Cash Assets: \$662,805
- Mr. Crisman moved that the 2022 Annual Chapter Budget approved by the Board of Directors at a special meeting on November 15, 2021 be approved by the membership. The motion was adopted and the budget was approved.

6. **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Mr. Crandall moved to accept the candidates from the October New Member Orientation (those in attendance and those who were not able to attend) be voted into the Chapter. The motion was adopted, and 22 new members were admitted to the Chapter.

7. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Building & Grounds
  - Mr. Hicks provided an update on Building & Grounds projects. The front gate has been renovated, with electronics and asphalt repaired. A contract has recently been awarded to have the flooding at the Field Archery fieldhouse replaced. Proposals for a new roof and club house renovations at Rifle/Pistol are being reviewed.
  - Mr. Hicks informed those present that the Chapter caretaker was injured, and that volunteers have been helping to relieve some of the workload.
  - Mr. Hicks reminded those present that there is currently an RFP to replace our retiring caretaker.
- Bylaws

- Mr. Crandall moved to modify the bylaws to strike Item 6 under Article I (Membership) given that it is no longer appropriate as the special exception has removed the previous 2,200 membership limit. This Bylaw revision was previously approved by the Board of Directors at their September 2021 meeting. The motion was adopted.
- Mr. Crandall moved to revise Article II of the Bylaws (Initiation Fees and Dues) to replace July through October with July through September, and then October through December instead of November through December. This Bylaw revision was previously approved by the Board of Directors at their October 2021 meeting. The motion was adopted.
- Communication
  - Ms. Meara informed the membership of upcoming recruitment activities at the Dulles Gun Show.
- Conservation
  - Mr. Rumble provided an update on Chapter conservation activities, including the recent Cub Run clean up event with the Cub Run Stream Valley Park Volunteer Team. Mr. Rumble stated that 17 Chapter members participated in the event.
- Education and Training
  - Ms. Meara informed the membership that 27 courses are planned for 2022, and the schedule will be on the Chapter website.
- Youth/Junior Chapter
  - Mr. Turner informed those in attendance that there are approximately 200 Junior Chapter members, all of which participate in one or more of our various youth activities. Mr. Turner also stated that he is seeking youth volunteers to serve on the Junior Chapter board.
- Field Archery
  - Mr. Riemer stated that the Field Archery range is in good shape, and that many of the 3D targets have been moved inside for winter.
  - Mr. Riemer informed the membership that a suspected bear has been damaging targets at the outdoor Field Archery range.
  - Mr. Riemer introduced Mr. Fred Ansick to those in attendance, and stated that Mr. Ansick will be leading cleanup projects in the spring.
  - Mr. Riemer stated that there are Archery 101 classes every month for people interested in learning more about archery.
- Target Archery
  - Mr. Riemer informed those in attendance about the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program for 8-18 year olds interested in learning about Olympic archery. Mr. Riemer stated that additional instructors are needed.
  - A member asked if there is archery equipment available for use by members to learn archery. Mr. Riemer stated that there is, and that there is also an Archery 101 class to teach archery basics.
- Air Range
  - Mr. Kuck stated that the high school season has started, that the range is very busy, and that there are open practice hours on Mondays and Fridays.
  - Mr. Kuck informed the members that SignUpGenius is used to reserve lanes at the Air Range. First relay at 5:30. Last relay at 8:30. Two slots every night for new shooters. Also have capability to teach disabled or handicapped individuals.
  - A member asked if the Air Range is available for use by members on the weekend. Mr. Kuck stated that the range is generally not available for use by members on the weekend due to scheduled events.
- Rifle/Pistol
  - Mr. Frerking stated all of the warm month scheduled events have ceased for winter except for Bull Run Muzzleloaders. Bullseye league will move indoors and switch to air pistol.
  - Hours have been modified for winter – now open from 9-4 on Monday – Saturday, 12-4 on Sunday

- Raffle for M1 garand - \$50, selling 100 tickets. Will draw a ticket once all tickets are sold. All proceeds go into range rebuild.
- Skeet/Trap
  - Mr. Crandall stated that the annual Winter League will be starting in January. Mr. Crandall also stated that he is at the Skeet/Trap range on most Saturdays, and is always willing to give some instruction and pointers to those interested.
- Shenandoah Property
  - Mr. Ansick informed those in attendance that the Chapter owns approximately 50 acres of land in Shenandoah County that is available for use to the membership, and that he is currently working on updating the use request protocol.

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/>.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Signed: Sean Gagnon, Secretary