



Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League Membership Meeting April 15, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Twenty eight members attended the meeting. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the IWLA pledge.

President's Report: President Dan Arico reported that the Chapter has come through the past year of covid-19 restrictions strong and vibrant, with all facilities open to members and several member and public activities planned.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was approved.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting were approved. Minutes of the April 1, 2021 Board of Directors meeting were read as a courtesy to the members.

Membership Report: Despite the usual membership turnover for varied reasons, membership has been growing due to renewed interest in the Izaak Walton League and the Winchester Chapter. There are now 785 paid members.

Amendments: The three amendments to the Chapter bylaws were approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

1. Art. II, Sec 8. Discipline and Termination of Membership: Delete the requirement that charges must be supported by affidavit.
2. Art. II, Sec 8 (d). Discipline and Termination of Membership: Add the clause, "including lack of proper decorum and repeatedly disrupting meetings after due warning."
3. Art. III, Sec 5. Election and Term: Eliminate the term limit.

Lake Committee: Brian Callahan reminded the members that the Mike Mercer Kids Fishing Derby will occur on April 24, and that volunteers are still needed. The lake will be closed for stocking and fish acclimation starting at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 19th. The Lake Committee is still addressing the weed problem, having determined that addition of herbicide to the lake is the best approach. Herbicide will be applied after the Kids Fishing Derby.

Range Committee: While a new chair of the Range Committee is being sought, Brian Callahan is filling in. He reported that the Board of Directors approved a change to the Range Rules addressing violation of the Range Guest policy. If a member is found in violation of the policy he or she will forfeit range privileges for 60 days, and the case will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further action. The updated Range Rules should be read by all range users; they can be found at <https://winchester-iwla.org/Rifle-Pistol>. Brian also reported that Chapter certified Range Safety Officers (RSO) will be conducting frequent checks of the Rifle-Pistol range to assure that all range safety rules are being followed. Brian encouraged members to consider becoming RSOs.



Facilities: Work on the bathroom tiles, kitchen, office and shelters was accomplished in March. The furnace is working well now, but a building and grounds manager is still needed.

New Business: President Dan Arico announced that the Chapter is considering holding a Chapter Game Day of indoor and outdoor activities during the summer months. Brian Callahan reminded Members of the David and Mark Prater Memorial Event from 2:00-4:00 pm at the chapter house including the dedication of the kitchen to Mark Prater, and at 4:00 pm Dedication of the outpost at the far end of the campground to David Prater. Jim Sherry asked how many members present would attend a Sportsman's Swap Meet at the Chapter tentatively planned for the Saturday of Fathers Day weekend, June 19th. Over half of the members present indicated they would probably attend, and about a dozen members indicated they would be interested in reserving tables at the event.

50/50 and door prize drawing: The 50/50 drawing for \$36.00 was won by Jeff McCall, and the door prize of a K-Bar knife was won by Brian Callahan. Congratulations!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

/s/J F Sherry

J. F. Sherry, Secretary