



## Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League Membership Meeting April 20, 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the IWLA pledge. Thirty ONE members were in attendance.

**President's Report.** President Dan Arico reported that the speakers for the evening would be Jason Adcock and Buz Glover. Pizza was provided at no charge to the members.

**Speakers:**

- Jason Adcock, leader of the Chapter Bullseye league, spoke about chapter Bullseye matches, held the first and third Mondays and Precision Rifle matches, held the second and fourth Mondays of each month from April through October.
- Buz Glover, a new member of the Chapter spoke about his interest in the Chapter training program.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paul Sattler reported that the chapter is in good shape financially. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The March 16, 2023 minutes were accepted.

**Membership Report:** Paul Sattler reported that paid membership now stands at 872.

**Range Report:** Chapter ranges will be closed on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> while the Kids Fishing Derby is going on.

**Lake and Conservation Report:**

- The Kids Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, with 300 trout waiting in Lake Neff to be caught by youthful anglers. Special thanks to our many volunteers for supporting this event, especially Ron Richards and Tom Nurkowski who mowed and trimmed the park to showplace status.
- The Chapter apiary has been installed and is operating, with 90,000 bees occupying nine hives. Professional beekeeper John Lewis will be managing the apiary with help from interested Chapter members. We have two complete beekeeper's protective outfits available to members who wish to view the apiary or help with the hives. Contact Brian Callahan to arrange a visit. The bees are protected by a bear-proof enclosure, so advance arrangements are necessary to have access to the apiary. Honey will be harvested, processed and available for purchase by Chapter members later in the year, depending on the first-year productivity of the bees.
- Our apiary has been named in honor of Vernon Guidry, who died earlier this month. He revitalized the Chapter newsletter in both format and content, and won the National IWLA award for the nation's best chapter newsletter. Vernon helped the Chapter in other ways as well, including countless photos documenting Chapter



activities and editing and often writing grant requests that made many Chapter improvements possible. Vernon was a truly Fine Ike.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. The next Membership Meeting will be held on May 18, 2023.

/s/J F Sherry

J. F. Sherry, Secretary