



## Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America Membership Meeting March 17, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the IWLA pledge.

In the absence of President Dan Arico who is on vacation and Vice President Grant Javersak, Chapter Secretary J. Sherry chaired the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was approved. The current financial reports will be posted to the Chapter house bulletin board. Treasurer Paul Sattler has initiated raffles of firearms at the Chapter. So far two rifles and one handgun have been raffled and the program has become popular among members. Firearms are purchased from various established firearms dealers around the area; winners go to the dealers' locations to fill out the paperwork required by law, and once approved can then claim their firearms. Watch for announcements of future raffles.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2022 Membership meeting were read and approved.

**Membership Report:** Chapter Membership Director Peg Sattler reported that the Winchester Chapter's renewal rate continues to grow as those members who have not yet renewed are contacted by email, phone and USPS mail, as well as by new members. In February and thus far in March eleven individual and three new memberships were approved by the Board of Directors.

**Lake and Conservation Committee Report:** Chairman Brian Callahan reported the following:

- A Chapter member has donated funds for the rental of a portable sawmill to process some of the trees felled over the past several months into usable lumber. It will be in use on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the campground will be closed.
- Front Gate: Although the front gate control software has been updated, this month a mechanical problem unrelated to the software update occurred and is being repaired.
- The fish cleaning sink has been completed and is ready for use. Buckets will be stationed nearby for members' use.
- Opening day for the Neff Lake is March 19<sup>th</sup> for the first major fish stocking of the year. Cast iron breakfast sandwiches, coffee and hot chocolate will be available. A donation of \$15.00 is requested for guests brought to the lake for the event.
- An outdoor hearth is planned for the campsite pavilion to replace the fire circle. The hearth will be suitable for cooking using cast iron implements.
- The annual Kids fishing derby is scheduled for May 8, 2022.
- Rather than hold a Chapter work day this Spring, volunteers are being sought for many small projects around the Chapter. Please let Brian Callahan know if you can help



- The Chapter needs a facilities manager to coordinate the work that needs doing. Please consider making yourself available for this important function. Contact President Dan Arico or any Board member if you're interested.
- Chapter member Steve Nurkowski has crafted beautiful wooden bowls from walnut and honey locust harvested on the Chapter grounds.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm. The next Membership Meeting will be on April 21, 2022.

/s/J F Sherry

J. F. Sherry, Secretary