

## Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

Membership Meeting October 20, 2022

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

**President's Report:** President Dan Arico announced that the Virginia Division met earlier this month and that the Winchester Chapter was cited as having the most progress and innovation in the State.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Paul Sattler reported that the financial records have been completed through September 2022, and that the Chapter's financial information is now being kept on a new accounting system that allows select Chapter officers access in the event the Treasurer is unavailable. Printed financial information is available.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Secretary was out of the State for the August Membership meeting;; notes were not available for the preparation of minutes. The September Membership meeting was canceled.

**Membership Report:** There are now 858 paid members of the Winchester Chapter. Membership Director Peg Sattler reported that thirty new members attended the last membership orientation, and that most declared enthusiastic desire to volunteer for various Chapter tasks.

Lake and Conservation Committee: Brian Callahan reported on several projects underway:

- Autumn olive elimination is well underway
- Shotgun field vegetation: efforts to return perimeter to natural vegetation underway
- Dam maintenance: spillway flow measurement
- Campground improvements: wood-fired pizza oven, new campsites; campground reservations are running higher than ever
- Volunteerism: volunteer hours are nearly triple what they were just two years ago
- Eagle projects: wood-fired pizza oven, new campsites, new trails, including a nature trail; new Eagle projects
  include refurbishment of the lake water safety stations and a facility and process for reusing wood harvested
  from Chapter forestland
- Trout restocking will occur in early November
- The rental sawmill has been in use, producing lumber in black walnut, maple, honey locust, and other species
- Chapter workday, with morning and afternoon shifts, is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>; see the Chapter website for details and task lists.

Range Committee: No report.



Facilities: No report.

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Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. The next Membership Meeting will be held on November 17, 2022.

/s/J F Sherry

J. F. Sherry, Secretary