



Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America Membership Meeting April 21, 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.

Spaghetti Dinner: A full dinner of spaghetti, salads, and dessert was hosted by Chapter member Megan McGonigal. Most of the men went back for seconds. Many thanks, Megan.

Speaker: Chapter member Vickie Rhodes presented an overview of the local chapter of Armed Women of America. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Armed Women of America offers a welcoming, non-intimidating place for women to learn more about the safe and responsible use of firearms, including firearms safety, personal protections, concealed carry, mindset, and more. The meetings offer classroom and range time, all under the guidance and supervision of certified women instructors. Prospective members of AWA do not need to be members of the Winchester Chapter to participate.

President's Report: Dan Arico presented the IWLA Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer award to Harold Whitacre. Harold has served on the Board of Directors for many years, performing duties related to Chapter public events for most of those years. He has been an inspiration for scores of other members who have risen to the challenge of Chapter service. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition, Harold.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved. The current financial reports will be posted to the Chapter house bulletin board. Paul has initiated firearms raffles at the Chapter, fully compliant with Virginia laws. So far two rifles, two handguns and a shotgun have been raffled and the program has become popular among members. Firearms are purchased from various licensed 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 March 17, 2022 Membership meeting were read and approved.

Membership Report: Chapter Membership Director Peg Sattler reported that the Winchester Chapter now has 830 paid members.

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

- Thanks to the hard work of Lake and Conservation Committee members Lake Neff now has a full complement of six aerator heads installed and operating to improve the lake's environment for native and stocked fish. Aeration increases the oxygen content of the water, resulting in healthier fish available to our members.
- The annual Kids fishing derby is scheduled for May 8, 2022.

Range Reports: As mentioned above, budgets for all ranges have been approved.



- The Field Archery Range is planning to purchase a set of 3-D targets including several local species for installation.
- The Shotgun Range is planning a number of events that will host groups including corporate, scouts, and others. In some cases the groups will raise funds for the Chapter.
- The Rifle-Pistol Range is still seeking a Range Master.

Facilities: Chapter member Eric Raybuck has agreed to chair the Chapter Facilities Committee.

New Business: A gold ring was found on the Chapter grounds. The owner may claim the ring by contacting the Board and correctly identifying the ring.

Drawings:

- Door prizes were won by Chapter members Tim Benson and Todd Lewis.
- The 50/50 prize of \$72.00 was won by Megan McGonigal
- The shotgun raffle was won by Karl Fellman
- The pistol raffle was won by Dale Varnau.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Membership Meeting will be on May 19, 2022.

/s/J F Sherry

J. F. Sherry, Secretary