



# Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America

## Membership Meeting

May 17, 2018 7:00 PM

**Call to Order:** The May, 2018 meeting of the Winchester Chapter Membership was called to order at 7:00pm. Thirty members were present.

**Scholarship Presentation:** Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairman Ray Palladino presented a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Bailey Callahan to help in her pursuit of an education in environmental law.

**President's Report:** The President's report was abbreviated, consisting instead of pertinent comments during reports provided by other Board members.

**Minutes of April 19, 2018 Membership Meeting:** The minutes were accepted with one correction having to do with the location of the Kids Fishing Rodeo awards presentations. Jent Mitchell objected to information about efforts to expel him from the Chapter remaining in the minutes. The Secretary and Ernie Padgett, Chapter member and President of the Virginia Division explained to Mr. Mitchell that minutes of formal meetings are required by the bylaws, and that the minutes must accurately report the proceedings. Having had these explanations given to him, Mr. Mitchell continued to disrupt the meeting with loudly stated irrelevant comments until President Arico asked if there were any other corrections to the minutes. None being brought forward, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

### Officer and Director Reports:

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jack Weeks delivered his narrative Treasurer's report, shown at Attachment 1. The Treasurer also emphasized the need for donations to the Legal Defense Fund (see also the final entry in these minutes concerning another lawsuit announced by Jent Mitchell).

**Election Committee:** Butch Kramer gave a report from the Election Committee: he named the eleven candidates who have, thus far, submitted Expression of Interest to stand for election. The election will be held on 21 June beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a "candidate night" on 7 June where the candidates will be invited to give a 10 minute presentation (6 minutes to present and 4 minutes for responding to questions) to the membership. The Chapter will provide pizza and sodas for all in attendance. The candidates' platforms, etc. will be put onto the Chapter Website; in the newsletter; and verbally presented on 7 June.

**Membership Director's Report:** Membership Director Howard Beny reported that a new member orientation is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Chapterhouse

**Education & Training:** E&T Director Al Stitt reported that the planned First Aid course took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April as scheduled, with eight students, five of which are Chapter RSOs. In addition, the following classes are scheduled:

- First aid for Range Safety Officers – 26 and 27 April
- NRA Basic Pistol – 12 May
- Boating safety – 2 June
- Hunter Education – 11 and 12 September

Al Stitt also distributed a questionnaire among the members attending the meeting to determine the kinds of training they would like to see offered at the Chapter. The survey will appear on the Chapter website, as well.

**Kids Fishing Rodeo:** Events Director Harold Whitacre reported that the Michael Mercer Memorial Kids Fishing Rodeo was a rousing success, with some 180 children participating. About twenty Chapter volunteer helped plan, prepare for, and run the event; many thanks to all; this is a good indication that our members are beginning to come back for the good of the Chapter and the community. Thanks also to Boy Scout Troop 63 and all of the business that contributed prizes and giveaways to the many participants.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was made by member Todd Forbes and seconded by Ann Mitchell that the Chapter seek professional mediation or arbitration in lawsuits brought by Jent Mitchell. During discussion Ann Mitchell gained the floor and began to read documentation from the recently concluded Mitchell lawsuit. President Dan Arico ruled the attempt by Ann Mitchell out of order because it was not germane to the motion, and under strong objection Ms. Mitchell ceased reading. A vote was held on the motion, but the vote was not recorded because a member pointed out that there is not currently a lawsuit active or pending that could be submitted for mediation or arbitration. As a result of that observation Todd Forbes withdrew his motion.

As the meeting was drawing to a close, Jent Mitchell announced that another lawsuit is being brought against the Chapter. When he was asked what the nature of the suit is, he answered, "You'll see."

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Submitted by:

/s/ J F Sherry

James F. Sherry

Chapter Secretary

**Attachments:**

Treasurer's narrative report

**Winchester Isaac Walton League**

**Treasure/s Report - April, 2018**

**Attachments:**

**April 2018 Balance Sheet**

**April 2018 YTD Statement of Income and Expenses (QB P&L)**

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**Activities for April include:**

**Processing 0 new members**

**Payment of 51,049 for gravel to repair the roads**

**Use of gift cards to buy food for the fishing derby**

**Purchase of 2 boats, and stocking of lake from the ILWA endowment grant**

**Bank Accounts have been reconciled to April 30**

**Cash balances have decreased \$2,500 year to year In April processed 4 regular membership renewals, 1 student renewal and 3 family renewals**

**We now have 512 regular memberships, 95 family and 3 student memberships totaling 610.**

**We need to work on new memberships, additional orientations, and recruiting to meet budget expectations.**

**We should consider billings to the membership to solicit voluntary donations for maintenance and legal defense.**

**The board needs to authorize a 6th scholarship to be paid in May. The budget provided for 5 \$1,000 scholarships, while the committee has recommended 6.**

**Jack Weeks**

**Treasurer**