

Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League
Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 2017

Attendees: Brian Callahan; Jim Sherry; Mike Mercer (by phone); Chris Barltrop; Al Stitt; Dan Arico; Jack Weeks; Butch Kramer; Harold Whitacre; Dave Prater;

Absent: Wade Manuel; Paul Strawderman

Guests: Ray Palladino; John Doyle; Sharon Rhodes; Mike Phillips; Ernie Padgette; Gil Markbein; Stan Kugler

Meeting called to order by President Brian Callahan at 6:46 pm; a quorum was established with nine Board members present (Mike Mercer joined the meeting by phone from Alabama a few minutes after the meeting began, providing a quorum of ten Board members).

Secretary's Report: Board minutes for the BOD meetings of August 1, 2017 and August 30, 2017 were read and approved.

Required Business [per agenda]:

- Seven new members were presented for approval; motion passed with one abstention.
- Facilities requests: eight requests were presented; motion passed with one abstention.
- SASP requests: none.

Officer Reports and Review Items:

- President's report:
 - J. Mitchell court complaint was addressed
 - Bylaws update: previously approved resolution for an October approval of the updated bylaws was reconsidered, and approval obtained to present the bylaws for member vote at the September 21, 2017 membership meeting approved.
- VP Report: See attached
- Treasurer's Report: **See attached**
- Membership Report: See Treasurer's report for membership numbers.
- September Membership Meeting:
 - No speaker this month to allow time for bylaws vote.
 - Catering proposals were presented by Jack Weeks; additional inquiries were suggested.
 - R3 report: see attached. Catering proposals were presented by Jack Weeks – **see attached**; additional inquiries were suggested.
- Review of standing committees:
 - E&T: **See attached**
 - Range committee:
 - Pending vote on the new member/range rules.

- Sign-in station at the R-P range established, but not stocked with forms yet; Chris will supply a form that can be used.
- Sign-in already in use at the shotgun range.
- Sign-in station to be established at the archery range as well.
- Archery range work day to ready the range for winter closure will be Dec 2, 2017.
- Brass cleanup after Bullseye matches can be facilitated if a tarp is placed to catch the brass.
- Lake and Conservation: new chair to be appointed this evening; see resolutions.
- Communications: Coffee seminar set for Sept. 30, 2017, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- Special events: meeting set for Sept. 6, 2017.
- Building and Grounds:
 - Patio railings to be sanded and treated vs. painted.
 - Work day Nov. 14, 2017; Butch to provide cost estimate.
 - New sign pointing to the park – a new member is donating time and materials – many thanks!
 - Butch to review and update building rental procedure and fees.
- Finance Committee: Quarterly review will be conducted after Sept. 30, 2017.

Resolutions/Motions:

1. Scholarship program: approved with one abstention
2. Lake and Conservation Committee Chair: Stephen Storrs approved with one abstention.
3. 2018 Lake Stocking Plan: approved with one abstention
4. Pay Pal: approved with one abstention.
5. Revised member and range rules: approved with two abstentions.
6. Bullseye matches: approved with one abstention.
7. 2018 Range Qualification process: approved with one abstention.

Old Business:

- J. Mitchell legal expense reimbursement claim: disapproved with one abstention.

New Business: none proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Attachments:

1. VP Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. E&T report
4. Catering summary

Attachment 1

VP report Board meeting 9-5-2017

We are on track with the two meetings for public comment held without any suggestions, so we can now proceed to the Constant Contact and mail voting, and in-person voting at the 9-21 membership meeting.

Several current projects come to a vote this evening: member/range rules; 2018 RQ renewal process; Bullseye matches. A controversy arose yesterday over one of the range rules that will have to be resolved with this evening's vote.

A range violation was observed yesterday in which a member allowed his son to bring a rifle onto the firing line while the range was cold and people were downrange. I spoke with the member, correcting the situation, and informing him that after today his range privileges are suspended until he completes either a new member orientation or a range rule briefing. He accepted that with grace. I later asked Dan Arico and John Doyle to back me up and they agreed. Chris is preparing the letter; for formally informing the member of the action. This situation emphasizes the need for all members to be made aware of the complete set of range rules. One of these days we're going to have to face up to the need for every member who uses or ever anticipates using any of our ranges to become range qualified.

In an agreement reached between myself, Chris, Al Stitt, and Dan, we are going to add a firearms familiarization exercise to the new member orientation. We call those who have completed the new member orientation Range Qualified, but we really don't know if the new members even know how to handle a firearm. So, following the next orientation some of us will bring a selection of handguns, unloaded, of course, to the Chapter House to allow members to demonstrate that they know how to keep a firearm pointed downrange, and how to clear a variety of handguns and make them safe.

J. Sherry