

IWLA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

President Dan Arico opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance and IWLA Pledge were recited.

Norm Leshan: National Director for Winchester Chapter; saying thank you and good-bye as the National Director, and reverting back to a normal member of the Chapter. The membership present gave Norm thanks for all his work over the years and gave him heartfelt applause.

Rick Hill – Speaker for the meeting; to talk about the Shotgun Range with a Power Point Presentation: Rick showed pictures of the Shotgun Range and tower as well as the shelter; he explained what the problem is with the current set-up and possibilities for things to go wrong such as shooting into a residential area. Rick made mention of making a preferred 5-person shooting platform that would be accommodating to Wounded Warriors, and/or people in wheel chairs. He discussed an automated system whereby the Clays would be launched by voice or button command. The estimated cost, at present, reaches the level of \$22,531.00; however, there are a number of possibilities in reducing that charge by virtue of the type of concrete used and discounts that may be obtained by using certain contractors. The cost to take down the current tower will be about \$750.00, and the plans have already been laid to do that on or about 28 September 2018. The project is looking for donations for demolition and construction of the new system; however, project directors are applying for one or more grants to accomplish building the new structure.

President's Report: No approval of minutes from last meeting just yet.

Chris: New door will be put in in the near future. We have several legal issues going on to maintain our 501(3)(c); and that is taken care of as of today. The legal cases against the Chapter were discussed to bring the membership up to date. A discussion ensued concerning a neighbor wanting to establish a dog kennel and Chris's attendance at county planning meeting to disallow such a kennel—it was denied.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Weeks explained what he posts on the Chapter yellow board and how often so the members can check that themselves. We are \$11,500 under budget for maintenance, but about that much over budget on legal fees. About October 1st, we will send our renewal notices, so money will be coming in as a result. It appears we will not have to touch our reserves.

Membership Report: Jim Sherry discussed the 13 new members approved. We are getting 1 inquiry every two days on average to join. We have just had 9 new members attend the latest orientation. Next one will be October 3rd for anyone interested. Scholarship committee has recently received big thank you's from one of our scholarship awardees.

Lake Committee: No report

Range Committee: Dave Prater discussed 17 different NRA courses that the Chapter wants to do this in the upcoming year. Remember that you must take the Basic Pistol Course before taking any advanced courses or RSO courses. November 10th is the next Basic Pistol Course. We are in the process of revamping range qual exercises for re-orientation subsequent to renewal of membership. Early December we will have another RSO class.

Facilities: Butch Kramer

Discussion ensued as to how well the Golightly Family had cleaned the Chapter House both before and after their family reunion. We owe them a debt of thanks, and have transmitted same to them. Brian Callahan advised that his group of Stream Cleaners will ask the Golightly family if it is ok to also clean the stream on their land when the cleaners do the stream on IWLA property. A very good gesture, and an appropriate response.

We are looking for a group of people who will take responsibility for mowing the Camp Site Area just the same as we have a group which consistently sees to the firing ranges. If this were to happen, then the rest of the lawn mower volunteers could concentrate on the important task of mowing the area around the Chapter House and the Lake Area. Remember that the Camp Site Area is used almost exclusively by the Boy Scouts and Trail Life Group, and it sort of behooves us to see to it that they have a good, clean, and appropriate place to learn about the improvement of our natural resources.

The IWLA Fall Work Day is slated for October 27th with November 3rd set as a rain date. We need many, many volunteers to come out and do the good job that was done last year. We will rendezvous at 0900 with coffee and doughnuts (site yet to be determined), and make job assignments—check the website for what those jobs will entail. For right now, any volunteer who can bring a weed-whacker; chain saw; or tree trimmer, should do so as we can never have enough of those things to get the jobs done. We also need volunteers to mow lawn areas—very likely for the last time this year.

Membership: Jim Sherry

- Thirteen new members presented for Board approval this month; unanimously approved
- New member inquiries are coming in a rate in excess of one every other day.
- Orientation
 - Nine new, one returning, four current members in attendance at Aug. 23 orientation.
 - Next orientation Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6-8 pm
- Renewal notices will be mailed early next month.
 - RQ quiz will be included; be sure to follow instructions carefully
 - Will include option for including a donation to the Chapter; any amount will help.

Old Business: The President stated that this has pretty much been covered.

New Business: Hearing none, the president asked for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 08:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane M “Butch” Kramer

Secretary to the Board of Directors