

IWLA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

17 OCTOBER 2019

Call to Order: President Arico called the membership meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/IWLA Pledge: Were accomplished immediately after call to order

Guest Speaker:

Rick Hill introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Justin Folks. He is an expert on quail habitat, working for both the Virginia State and Federal Governments. He had conducted a survey of our property with Rick Hill and had developed a plan for creating quail habitat in our Park as part of a regional program to expand the quail population.

First, he presented background information on quail, using an excellent slide presentation to show the three habitats that quail need for nesting, foraging and sheltering from predators, particularly how this habitat protects them from above since they are ground dwelling and rely on concealment rather than flight.

He also explained their life cycle – unusual for birds in that they are not raised by their parents, but start foraging on their own for insects immediately after hatching.

He finished up with suggestions for what we could do to create suitable habitat. Virginia has established funding programs if we want to go ahead with this.

The subject matter was fascinating and the presentation was excellent. Our members present were enthusiastic and asked many questions.

The speaker program had been a key feature of our monthly membership meetings – this was our initial effort to restore this program and resulted in over 80 members participating in the meeting, although the excellent BBQ catered by Jordan Springs Market in Stephenson certainly helped.

Treasurer's Report:

The 9/30/2019 financial statements and Treasurer's report are posted on the website and bulletin board. Also posted are pie charts showing the composition of income and expense and bar charts showing comparisons to prior years.

As of today, the Checking Account ledger balance is back up to \$16,252.50 – we are past the annual low point and did not have to dip into the \$30,000 CD reserves.

We just received and paid the \$2,018 invoice for property insurance. We had previously expressed concern that the plumbing issues in the bathrooms might be

expensive to fix – actual cost was \$325 to pump out the septic system and \$987.50 to clear the drain blockage and fix the pipe leaks. We dodged the bullet on this one – we did not have to dig up the line. Thank you, Butch, for managing this process.

104 Regular and 25 Family renewals have been received as of yesterday evening.

Dues to National are paid as your renewals are recorded. 43 members added donations totaling \$4,738 with amounts ranging from \$1 to \$1,000 – no donation is too small and none is too large. 34 more renewals were received through the P.O. Box this morning and will be recorded by tomorrow. Thank you to those of you who have already shown your continued support for our Chapter.

Presidents Report:

President Arico made mention of the excellent meal with the hopes that more such fine meals will come to fruition. He also discussed some of the Chapter activities and work that has been accomplished over the past several weeks as well as the upcoming Work Day on 19 October. He praised the Board of Directors as being very ambitious and work oriented to get things accomplished for the betterment of the Chapter and Community.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 2019 meeting were approved.

Membership Report:

On 10/6, I had a new member orientation (NMO) and range qualification for (2) new members (Bromely family)

On 10/10, I gave tour to an individual that may be interested in a family membership

Ken Radziwanowski (approved as new member 10/16)

Approved 3 new memberships on 10/16/19

Ken and Diana Radziwanowski (family)

Vicki and Steven Rhodes (family)

William Creager (regular)

After the last NMO, that brings our paid membership numbers to:

3 Associate Memberships

105 Family Memberships

586 Regular Memberships

5 Student Memberships

Giving a total of 795 “identified” Members and 697 Memberships

Next NMO is November 10th

Ken and Diana Radziwanowski

William Creager

December 8th NMO

Vicki and Steven Rhodes

Lake Committee: No report for this meeting.

Range Committee:

Range Master reported that Range Qualifications sessions were proceeding a pace and all was going well there. He advised that time is moving along rapidly and those who are unqualified need to get into the program ASAP.

He also advised that all further gun classes had been cancelled until after the first of the new year.

Facilities:

Butch Kramer reported on the work having been done with the septic system and bathrooms, and queried the group as to how many persons planned to show up for the Work Day on 19 October. Approximately 12 people raised their hands.

Butch asked the group of some 70 plus members gathered as to their thoughts about the BBQ meal from Jordan Springs Market; the group responded with loud praise and applause!

Having no further business, President Arico adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.