

**Minutes**

President Dan Arico called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked for a volunteer to record the Minutes. Mike Harper accepted the challenge. President Dan then requested the roll call.

Board members in attendance: Dan Arico, Chris Barltrop, Mike Harper, Richard Gorman, Al Stitt, and Harold Whitacre. Board members absent: Patty Nunn and John Suter. Quorum requirement met.

Also in attendance: Dave Prater, Range Chair; Mark Prater; Rick Hill, Shotgun Range Manager; Vernon Guidry, Newsletter Editor; and several new member candidates.

President Dan requested a voice vote to adopt his written Agenda, which passed unanimously. The Agenda was later amended by voice vote to include presentation by Rick Hill on the Shotgun Range project.

Prior meeting Minutes were accepted as written after no changes were requested.

Treasurer Chris Barltrop reported that the monthly financial reports would be completed later in the week and posted. The full Treasurer's report was subsequently provided as follows:

BB&T (Truist) accounts reconciled. Our corporate credit card was compromised with fraudulent transactions being attempted from California. BB&T blocked the account and issued a replacement card. They do seem to have missed an Amazon purchase on 2/21/2020 for \$24.21, for which I can find no entry on our Amazon account or in our e-mail records where charge notices from Amazon would appear, so have contested the charge with BB&T. In addition, slow replacement of the card by BB&T resulted in arrears on our Rappahannock Electric and Johnny Blue bills that are charged automatically to our credit card and which bounced due to the block – both have been resolved and both are current and both now have the replacement card number.

As of 2/29/2020, our ledger BB&T account balances were \$25,367.92 in the operating account and \$50,000 in the CD. The ledger balance on our credit card was \$679.76, of which the \$24.21 is in dispute. This gives us a total cash availability of \$74,688.16.

Membership income through 2/29/2020 has been \$50,435.00, down from \$52,525.00 for the same period last year. However, with other receipts, gross income was \$54,847.11, slightly ahead of last year's \$54,383.85.

Paid up Membership as of 2/29/2020 consisted of the following (subject to verification by Membership):

Associate:	3
Family:	97
Regular/Individual:	526
Student:	3

Total Memberships: 629

Total Members: 726

In addition, as of 2/29/2020 we had 17 Prospects and 25 Applicants in process.

Expenses for the first two months were \$7,866.66, up from \$6,975.72 last year, yielding net income of \$46,980.46, down from \$47,408.13 at the same point last year.

Upcoming significant expenses include \$6,328.99 to replace the 12-year-old zero turn mower and additional expenses in installing the roof on the Shotgun 5-stand. Also refurbishing our bathrooms is necessary, including taking up part of the concrete floor to replace the corroding cast iron piping. Cost TBD. Even taking into account program income during the year and some \$10,000 in donations we usually get towards the end of the year and the steady stream of new members, we are going to have to avoid other major expenses.

Richard Gorman, Membership Director, reported 16 new memberships (with 21 new members), introduced the new member candidates in attendance, and moved for a resolution to accept the 16 new memberships. Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Dan Arico began a discussion on Term Limits by pointing out that Board membership has eroded to only eight members out of the twelve allowed by the Bylaws. Additionally, Harold Whitacre has reached the three-term limit, which makes him ineligible to run for re-election. Dan expressed the further opinion that there is an apparent lack of membership interest in filling Board positions. Given that situation, Dan stated that we may want to consider eliminating the term limit provision as a way of maintaining a functional Board if new candidates don't come forward. Chris Barltrop then proposed a Resolution to that effect which was seconded, discussed, and voted upon. The resolution failed by a roll call vote of 3 For, 2 Against, and one Abstained. Vernon Guidry agreed to write up a Newsletter article on the situation to help solicit candidates.

President Dan Arico then raised the topic of the coming National Convention, and asked if anyone had any agenda topics they would like him to forward to National. None were put forth.

President Dan Arico then advised that there were two gun shows coming to Winchester later this year and that we could have a table free of charge to promote WIWL. Board discussion was fully supportive and Dan agreed to handle the reservations.

Chris Barltrop presented a resolution proposing to replace the older of our two zero turn mowers which, based on input from Chief Grounds Keeper Ron Richards, has reached a state of high-maintenance and unreliability. All particulars are cited in the proposed resolution. The resolution was discussed and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

President Dan Arico brought up a recommendation by Jim Sherry that we should have an information board installed at the front entrance to notify members of special events, range or lake closures, etc. The topic was discussed with Mark Prater agreeing to look into the possibility of utilizing an electronic message board.

Range Committee Chair Dave Prater proposed a resolution to activate a “Flying Squad” of RSO’s to police the rifle/pistol range. After a short discussion, the resolution was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Shotgun Range Manager Rick Hill presented a status report on the shotgun platform project and advised of the Board of quotes he had received to construct the roof, ranging from about \$2,500 to more than \$4,000. He expressed his plan to use member volunteers to do the work instead, which would require equipment rental expense of about \$1,250. The Board agreed by voice vote to support his plan.

Chris Barltrop suggested there is a group of Lake Frederick members who may be willing to purchase a big screen monitor for the Chapter House. He will pursue.

E&T Chair Al Stitt reported that a Hunter Safety Course is set up for Sept 9 and 10.

President Dan Arico presented Brian Callahan’s written Lake and Conservation Report, attached to these Minutes.

On the topic Fund Raising, President Dan Arico explained an offer by Panera restaurant that he is looking into whereby they would contribute 20% of sales made against certificates we would pass out.

Also, on the topic of Fund Raising, Vernon Guidry and Rick Hill discussed their recent meeting with a State Forestry official to discuss the potential for a closely managed harvesting of Chapter trees, and the availability of grant money related to control of invasive species and other environmental improvements we could make on our property. They are pursuing both and will attempt to setup a presentation by the Forestry representative.

At about 8:40 PM, when all agreed Agenda topics had been discussed and no further agenda items were raised, President Dan Arico adjourned the meeting.

Temporary Scribe Mike Harper

## **Lake & Conservation Committee Report**

### **Mike Mercer Memorial Kids Fishing Derby April 25, 2020**

- Regular meetings underway
- Flyer completion expected by Friday
- Prize categories updated
- Concessions provided by Jordan Springs Market
- Free lunch for kids changed to snack pack
- Prizes will be tackleboxes not fishing poles
- Cabellas engaged, working with other vendors
- 2 work days planned to prepare for event (April)
- Need volunteers (as always)

### **Opening Day Event March 14, 2020**

- Trout ordered
- Event stove, griddle ordered (camp chef 2 burner)
- Food to be served 8-11
- Lake Closure March 6-14 (trout delivery on March 6)
- Need a CC blast for final event announcement and lake closure

### **Lake Status**

- Identified source of barley bales, 20 to be added, April
- Working towards identifying herbicide
- New rules signage ordered, need to be installed when arrives
- Reviewing summer stocking details/timing

### **New Hiking Trails**

- 70% Complete
- Need to clear area of deadfall between Layman shelter and Chapter House with chainsaws (75% complete by Boy Scouts, remaining requires chainsaws)
- Need bridges, grooming, signage

### **Eagle Scout Projects**

- Shotgun Handicapped Access Path - pending approval
- Campground Tomahawk Throwing Area - pending approval
- Hiking Trails Bridge Building - pending approval
- Camping Outpost - Fully Approved, 80% complete

### **Expected Resolutions to be submitted:**

- MMM Kids Fishing Derby - 2-3 resolutions for money for trout order, prizes, signage

### **Question**

- Do we have an overall chapter workday scheduled for spring?

Brian Callahan