



Winchester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League Membership Meeting February 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the IWLA pledge. Thirty two members were in attendance. Pizza was provided by the Chapter, with support from the Winchester Chapter Ladies Auxiliary.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Dan Arico. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Izaak Walton League pledge.

Membership Report:

- Membership Director Peg Sattler advised members that if they have completed the online Range Qualification quiz they are considered to be Range Qualified for 2024 and will find a blue square with “2024” affixed to their IWLA membership cards.
- Peg announced that the Board of Directors has unanimously approved a motion to recognize the long record of service to the Winchester Chapter of Board member Harold Whitacre by naming the Chapter House in his honor. Harold was accorded a standing ovation by all present.

Speakers: This evening’s agenda consisted of presentations by Alton Butler, General Manager of the Winchester branch of Sportsman’s Warehouse/ and Paul Kreingold, a Life Member of IWLA and Conservation Director at the Loudoun County Chapter, and author of “Potomac Marble – History of the Search for the Ideal Stone.”

- Alton Butler is the General Manager of the Winchester Branch of the Sportsman’s Warehouse, a retail store offering equipment and apparel for many sporting activities, including hunting, shooting, archery, fishing and other individual as well as team sports. Mr. Butler took the members on a virtual tour of the store and invited everyone to visit.
- Paul Kreingold, a Life Member of IWLA and Conservation Director at the Loudoun County Chapter, is an author and lecturer on the subject of locating, mining, transporting, and building with stone from along the Potomac River. His presentation began with the rebuilding of the National Capitol following its destruction by the British toward the end of The War of 1812, and continued through the mining of the stone, how it was extracted and transported and finally used in the construction of the pillars that stand in what is now referred to as the “Statuary Room” of the US Capitol. Mr. Kriengold’s book, “Potomac Marble – History of the Search for the



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“Ideal Stone,” was offered for sale at the meeting and is available online. Paul’s lecture was enlightening, interesting, and often humorous, holding the attention of members for a full hour.

Raffle and door prize: Donald Pruitt was the winner of a Remington model 870 shotgun in a drawing held at the end of the meeting. See the Winchester Chapter web page for information on current and future sporting equipment raffles offered by the Chapter. Dan Arico won the evening’s door prize.

Adjournment: 8:38 pm

/s/J F Sherry

J. F. Sherry, Secretary