

# ***Izaak Walton League of America***

## ***Harry Enstrom Chapter of Greene County***



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Fellow IKE:

**We are not able to hold our April General Meeting. I had thought about a teleconference but I have decided with the support of the BOG to share chapter activities through this letter.**

Current Membership: 46

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: \$15,672.19      Fish Fund: \$10,538.96

CWM Fund: \$8,086.52      Kayak Fun: \$6,789.47

1. We held our first ever BOG teleconference on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. We have named Brenda Emrick as a new Member at Large on the BOG filling the position vacated by Wayne Rossiter's departure. We have two additional Member at Large openings. If you are interested please contact Dallas.
3. 25 bound copies of our Drinking Water Standards Report have been printed. They are being mailed to us from Mike Stout.
4. Our spring trout stocking was cancelled with the stay at home order and to keep our members safe during the coronavirus pandemic.
5. The Division has postponed the convention and we do not have the new timeframe at this time.
6. National has not posted the status of the 2020 Convention scheduled for July but it is expected to be cancelled.
7. National is hosting numerous Clean Water Webinars on their website. You can see past webinars as well as dates for new ones at iwla.org.

8. We received our \$1600 grant from Mt. Watershed. This will be used to cover advertising and promoting our Drinking Water Standards Report.
9. We have also been approved for a \$3000.00 grant from Greene County. This will help cover the cost of the fall trout stocking as well as planned stream and road cleanups as soon as we are able to hold a cleanup event. We have not yet received the funds.
10. There are two House bills of significant concern. HB100 basically is a hand out to the oil and gas industries until 2050. This bill passed both the Senate and House. The Governor has vetoed this bill. We have not seen a scheduled override attempt. We support the Governor's decision. The second bill of concern is HB2385. It essentially is trying to take powers away from the DEP in protecting The Pennsylvania Clean Water Act. John Detisch has penned an excellent letter stating our opposition to HB2385. It has gone out to the legislature. We urge you to write or call your legislators urging their backing of the Governor's veto and stating opposition to HB2385.
11. Ken Yonek has completed the Penn State Master Watershed Stewart Program and John Detisch has completed the Penn State Master Well Water Stewart Program. We are extremely proud of their dedication and accomplishments.
12. John Detisch is encouraging our members, when it is finally safe, to become involved in the IWLA Stream Selfie Program. You can sign up at SCISTARTER.org and type stream selfie into project finder. Answer a few questions and you can upload your streamside photos.
13. Ken Yonek is planning a project to monitor a section of Peters Creek from Gastonville to Piney Fork Creek in South Park Township.
14. I participated in a Penn Environment Video Conference on April 13<sup>th</sup>. This was for the 50 Year celebration of Earth Day. They are working on a Virtual Climate Action Lobby Day. You can RSVP to <http://bit.ly/ClimateLobbyDay2020>. This will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>. You can also become involved with the Penn Environment Mobile Action Network. You can text PA Climate to 21333 to get involved. Here is a link for 50 Actions for Earth Day Action Packet, [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pLdaALN\\_Bo16F9cG9S3hK4C1V5q8SPxj/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pLdaALN_Bo16F9cG9S3hK4C1V5q8SPxj/view)
15. I will be posting more often through email and our Facebook page to keep in touch until we can meet again. Have questions or issues please send them to us.

Best regards,

Dallas J Slagle