

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

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



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Fellow IKE:

**We are not able to hold our May General Meeting. I will continue to share chapter activities through letters, Facebook and the website.**

Current Membership: 46

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: \$17164.96      Fish Fund: \$10,540.73  
CWM Fund: \$7952.57      Kayak Fund: \$6,790.61

1. We held our second BOG teleconference on Monday May 4th.
2. We still have two Member at Large openings on the Board of Governors. If you are interested please contact Dallas.
3. We held a zoom meeting with Allegheny Chapter, CCJ and others on our Drinking Water Standards Publication. We are working on a way to advertise and spur discussion as we cannot hold meeting at this time.
4. We have added the chapter to the Clean Water Hub supported by National. We have added results taken from the earth echo kits and our normal water testing kits.
5. The Division has not held the convention and the current officers are still in their positions. National maintained their officers for the coming year as the convention was cancelled.
6. The BOG received a request from Kevin Willis (Carmichaels Environthon Leader) requesting scholarships for their team to participate in Wildlife Leadership Academy Virtual program. The Environthon was cancelled this year. The BOG has authorized up to 5 scholarships at \$250.00 each. Two of them have been covered by \$500.00 donated by Ken Dufalla and Chuck Hunnell.

7. National is continuing to hosting numerous Clean Water Webinars on their website. You can see past webinars as well as dates for new ones at iwla.org.
8. John Detisch, Ken Yonek and myself participated in a zoom call with the Endangered Species Coalition. Members of our chapter also participated in a call to action plan, calling legislators, and asking for their support on Wildlife Corridors. HR670 would allow for a study of current corridors and the need for future corridors.
9. John Detisch and I participated in a zoom call with a large group on Building A regional Vision for Water in SW Pennsylvania. This is the second phase of this process. The first phase was one of information gathering from many groups mainly in Allegheny County. This phase has expanded trying to pull in groups from the entire region. “Fishable, swimmable, drinkable, accessible, attractive, just and safe waters”

Phase 1 Report link: <https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/web.sas.upenn.edu/dist/5/391/files/2020/01/Accelerating-Transformational-Change-in-Pittsburghs-Three-Rivers-Phase-1-Report.pdf>

10. Donna Cooper and I participated in a teleconference with National on concerns around membership and additional issues being affected by the Corona Virus and shutdowns. We did not come away from this meeting with anything that National would be doing differently. There is little to no financial support for struggling chapters.
11. There are a number of bills to be concerned about at this time. Duane has sent out the most recent list through email. You can also sign up on line to receive bills as they are laid on the table. You can designate which ones you would like to see. I receive ones on environmental issues and fish and game issues. It is always important to express our concerns with your legislators.
12. Per Eric Davis, the Catfish in the Classroom program did get their fish into area streams and a pond. There are more schools interested in participating but everything is up in the air with the virus uncertainty.
13. I am posting more on our Facebook page on upcoming Penn State Programs. Please check them out. Ken Yonek has been doing a great job identifying them.
14. Until we can meet again. Have questions or issues please send them to us.

Remember: Your Greatness is not what you have, It's what you give.....

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