

Winchester Trout Unlimited  
2/1/2018

#### Winchester TU meeting minutes

Galen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm at the Red Cross building, 561 Fortress Dr. Winchester, VA. 23 in attendance.

Bill announced that regular attending members would be on our Board of Directors to comply with National TU requirements of having a Board.

#### Speaker

Emily Warner Senior Director of the Potomac Conservancy, 210 S Braddock St., Winchester, VA. Contact information: warner@potomac.org 540.667.3606. Emily oversees the Conservancy land protection and restoration programs. She has worked for The Nature Conservancy, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Hampshire County Farmland Protection Board. She holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Allegheny College and a master's in natural resources stewardship from Colorado State University (with an ecological restoration specialization).

Conservation Easement 101— Their purpose is to safeguard lands and water of Potomac River and it's tributaries and to connect people to this national treasure. Her primary work has been in Potomac tributaries of WVA. The easement: 1. Permanently protects land's natural features and it's uses. 2. Is landowner driven. and 3. Is a legal agreement between landowners and land trusts. (You make the rules and they enforce them).

Why create an easement? To preserve farm for the next generation, protect habitat, preserve community iconic features, remove financial burden of inheritance tax (keep my property in the family), tax benefits / sale income.

#### Finance

Bill announced that there were no financial transactions in the month of January.

#### Projects

Red Bud work session this Saturday 2/3/18 to start at 1 pm.

Galen suggested if we should look for opportunities to clean up other watersheds and perhaps team up with other chapters in the valley. No action taken.

Stan and Phil volunteered to help with boy scouts to work on FF merit badge.

Stan announced that the TU camp at Graves Mtn. is scheduled for 6/24-6/29/18.

TIC release dates have not been set at this time. Dan will handle the mowing and area clean up after dates confirmed.

David Wattersworth the author of "America's Favorite Flies" donated a copy of this large and beautifully detailed book to the chapter.

Project Healing Waters -- Phil announced that the first outing will be on 4/27. Mike Nemec has access to the Isaak Walton League pond near the Leetown, WV, fish hatchery that may be more convenient to use due to scheduling difficulties at Leetown. Phil and Mike are working out the details.

### Bar Fly

The next event is 2/14/2018 at 7 pm.

### Other

The speaker in March will be Vic Brugh of "Reel Recovery". Vic will speak on the benefits of fly fishing for people battling brain cancer.

We are hoping to have a presentation on Tenkara fly fishing in April. Stay tuned.

We have scheduled a FWAM campout fishing trip the weekend of 4/20-4/22/18 to the Smoke Hole-Seneca Rocks WVA area.

Next meeting will be on 3/1/18.

Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm

Submitted by Fred Boyer  
Chapter Secretary