

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(September 5, 2019)

7:10 pm Call to Order (Galen) Red Cross Building north Rt 522

14 members attending

Speaker Phil Stevens —Fishing in Wisconsin.

Phil spoke on his yearly fishing trip on the private waters of Rainbow Lodge near Boulder Junction, WI. In 2018. Because of his hip injury, he was unable to make the journey north this year. The waters are known for great Musky fishing. He had several follow-ups on his personally tied fly, but never had any takes. However, several Large Mouth Bass were brought to hand.

Projects:

1. Red Bud work session **September 7 at 9am** at Red Bud Run. There is a gate entering the field on the north side of Redbud. If you arrive late, the gate will be shut, so be sure to shut it after you enter. Work location area is up-stream from the gate. Look for trucks. Phil and Mike won the drawing to be able to fish in Red Bud during the month of September.
2. Bud is concerned about the amount of silt observed in the stream. He has traced the possible source to be a construction site near the area of I-81 and Rt. 11 where the stream originates.

Education:

1. **TIC Britt Miller / Lisa LaCivita**
 - Lisa--Egg delivery and distribution date is Tuesday 10/8. Volunteers are needed to take the eggs to individual schools. Contact Lisa if you can help. Meet in the Stephens City Martin's parking lot at 10:00 am.
 - Britt—Britt attended a TIC teacher training workshop held along the James River this summer. She obtained loads of tips and ideas that she will be able to pass along to fellow TIC teachers in years to come.
2. **Tri-State Youth Camp Galen**
 - Galen's provided a photo story of the camp this year. 22 campers attended along with several instructors. In addition to instruction in fly casting, fly tying, fishing and water quality analysis, the highlight of the week was a day of snorkeling in the Rapidan and observing fish and micro-invertebrates. The cold water was controlled by wet suits.

On-Going:

1. **Project Healing Waters**
 - Martinsburg VA casting classes are ongoing.
 - A group of Vets with PTSD will be going on an outing to the Greenbrier State Park on 10/14.
 - The Leetown, WV pond had a water retention failure that caused a major fish kill. The problem has been temporarily repaired such that an outing will be held on 10/25. Volunteers will be needed. Contact Phil if you can help. A more permanent fix to the pond is scheduled this fall/winter.
2. Bar Fly (Gene) Wednesday 9/11 at Escutcheon Brewery at 7:00.
3. The Holiday Party is scheduled for 12/15. More details to come.

New Business:

1. FWAM (Fish with a Member)
 - Erie Steelhead trip is scheduled for the week of 11/3-11/8
2. The November meeting will be held at Lord Fairfax Community College. The Audubon Society will be meeting with us. Dr. Lisa LaCivita will be presenting a talk on her thesis about frogs.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Submitted by Fred Boyer