

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(November 4, 2021)

The meeting was called to order by Galen Westman, President, at 7 pm in the meeting room of the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum with 15 members in attendance. Our thanks to Rick Mabe, the museum's director, for opening the museum to our Chapter's meeting as well as conducting a tour post meeting.

Treasurer's report-Bill Prokopchak, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

The Chapter has a balance of \$8,652.99 as of this report.

Trout in the Classroom-Galen Westman, President

Thanks to the efforts of Lisa LaCivita, TIC coordinator, she and several members helped with tank set-up and distributed egg packets to 13 schools and the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum. There have been no reported problems to date.

Reel Recovery and Project Healing Waters-Phil Stephens

Reel Recovery-Phil and Wayne White recently acted as "Guides" at a Reel Recovery event for male cancer survivors. The event was held at the Rose River Farm in Syria, VA on the Rose River. 14 clients and 14 guides were in attendance. The group was boarded at the Grave's Mt. Lodge. A good time was had by all.

Project Healing Waters-Phil reports that due to lack of communication from both the WVA PHW Regional Coordinator and the new Martinsburg Program Lead, we believe the program has been discontinued. In addition, volunteers do not have access to the VA Campus and the number of veterans in the PTSD and drug rehab programs had faded to zero. The Chapter regrets this, in that we have participated with the volunteer help of several chapter members, in this very worthwhile program for veterans for the past 8+ years.

State TU update-Stan Ikonen

The Tri-State Youth Camp, which was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid-19, is in jeopardy again in 2022 due to a lack of volunteers. Fortunately, there is money being held in reserve to kick-start the 2022 camp if volunteers come forward. Dates have been tentatively set for 6/10-6/25/2022 at the Graves Mt. Lodge.

Red Bud Run Restoration-Bud Nagelvoort

Stream restoration continues along the Seiple's property on Red Bud Run. Large rocks, of Bud's selection, continue to be placed by muscle and winch power to form better fish habitat and bank erosion protection. The next work session is set for Monday 11/8 from 1-4pm.

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation may be interested in the purchase of the very run-down historic home and adjoining property along the stretch of Red Bud that the VA DWR manages and where our Chapter conducts our TIC release each spring. Bud will act as the Chapter point person for any ongoing discussions between the Foundation and DWR.

Bar Fly-Gene Lewis, VP

The next Bar-Fly is scheduled for Wednesday 11/10 at the Escutcheon Brewery in Winchester, VA.

Holiday Party-Gene Lewis

This year's party is scheduled for 12/12/2021 beginning at 3:30 pm at the Shenandoah University's Cool Springs Campus along the Shenandoah River. As in years past, a silent auction will be held, and the meal will be catered. Attendance is limited due to seating capacity. Bill Prokopchak will be coordinating reservations. The cost is currently estimated to be \$30.00 pp.

Student Clinic-Bill Prokopchak

Brian Fisher, at Strasburg High School, has requested that we once again hold a one-day fly tying and casting clinic for his students. The pandemic caused its postponement last year. He has fly tying equipment and materials. The Chapter's fly rods are available if needed. We need a Chapter volunteer to coordinate the clinic with Brian.

Alaska Fishing Trip Opportunity-Drew Paterson

Drew is encouraging those who wish to experience a spectacular Alaska fishing trip to contact him. He is once again headed to the Naknek Fishing Lodge_8/6-8/13/2022. Depending on chosen options, the cost ranges from \$4500-5000 plus air fare. Contact Drew if interested.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 pm.

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