

# Winchester Trout Unlimited

(March 3, 2022)

The meeting was called to order by Gene Lewis, President, at 7:35 pm in Rachel's Kitchen meeting room of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick with 24 members and guests in attendance.

## Casting for Recovery

Three guest speakers, Casey Peltier, Jen Cochran, and Lucy Guenther presented an overview and their personal experiences of the Casting for Recovery program for women with breast cancer. Casey, as the Program Coordinator for our region, spoke to the three-day weekend retreat and the activities of each day. Jen and Lucy shared their individual experiences and reflected on how the retreat was such a benefit to them in their recovery process. Each retreat has a maximum attendance of 14 plus support volunteers. The 2022 retreats are scheduled for May 13-15 at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, VA and Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, MD. Interested women can apply online at [www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org) to attend. There is no cost to attendees!

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

The Chapter has a balance of \$9,493.65 as of 2.22.2022

## Elections

At the February 2022 meeting, Gene Lewis was elected president

Dave Juth has volunteered to assume the responsibilities of Treasurer with Bill's retirement at the end of February, after serving in that position for several years.

Mike Hart volunteered to assume the position of Vice President.

## Trout in the Classroom- no report

## Project Healing Waters-Wayne White

Wayne White and Phil Stephens are formulating plans and are in contact with key individuals at the Stephens City VA facility as well as Phil Campbell, Virginia Regional Coordinator for PHW. The first organizational meeting of interested volunteers will be held on Wednesday March 9, 2022, at 6:30 at the Shenandoah Lodge on Lake Frederick.

## State TU update-Tri-State trout Camp- No report

## Red Bud Run Restoration-Bud Nagelvoort

The March work session will be held on FRIDAY 3/5 this month.

## Bar Fly-Gene Lewis

The next Barfly is scheduled for Wednesday 3/9 at the Escutcheon Brewery in Winchester, VA.

## Student Clinic Strasburg High School- Mark Zimmerman

Mark will be coordinating with Brian to hold a fly tying and casting clinic for his students. The first date is Wednesday 3/16 from 12:45-1:15. The second date is to be determined.

## National TU- Stan Ikonan

Stan reports that National TU is putting an emphasis in each state to identify streams that could withstand a slight increase in temperature but still be able to hold wild trout. VA streams that may be identified to that meet these criteria include: streams in the Grayson Highlands, Upper James, Rapidan and Conway.

Future Meetings and dinner

This month's dinner ran extremely late, which delayed the meeting start time by over 30 minutes. Those attendees who did not attend dinner were thus inconvenienced, expecting to have the meeting start on time. It has therefore been decided to make future dinner reservations at the Regions 117 restaurant start at 5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:50 pm.

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