

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(August 4, 2022)

The meeting was called to order by Gene Lewis, President, at 7:05 pm in Rachel's Kitchen meeting room of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick with 12 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Members Burr Tupper and Mary Weiss-presented a wonderful photo review of their trip to Rio Gallegos in Patagonia, Argentina. Their trip was delayed in 2021 due to Covid until February of this year. Mary, an accomplished photographer, shared her photos of the trip while they both narrated the presentation. Of course, we were amazed at the size of the fish caught and released.

Treasurer's report-Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$9,252.74 as of 1 August 2022.

Trout in the Classroom-Gene commented that the Trout in the Classroom program will be starting again soon. He will contact Lisa and Britt to determine the details.

Project Healing Waters-Wayne presented the following report:



Winchester Trout Unlimited Chapter Update 4 August 2022

Thanks everyone for the outstanding support in helping establish our program. We now have 10 Veteran participants and 19 volunteers. We appreciate your referrals.

Thanks to Bill Prokopchak for our publicity in Lateral Lines and sending out our flyer. We sent LL to 110 contacts.

Our next meeting Wednesday, 21 Sep, 6:30-8:30pm in Rachel's Kitchen

We are planning to add fly tying and rod building classes to our program this year with the hope that some of our Veterans will be able to participate in regional and national competitions.

↙ This year we are planning for five local day trip fishing outings and one overnight trip. The overnight trip will require fundraising this year.

These trips are in addition to Healing Waters regional and national fishing outings.

You may recall earlier this Spring, Christine Erin, our first Veteran participant, attended the Virginia Regional Back Creek outing.

This month, Army Veteran Charles Smith will attend a three-day outing at the Healing Waters Freedom Ranch for Heroes in Wise River, Montana, 24-26 August, and Phil will be the lead for the outing.

The Freedom Ranch for Heroes sits on the banks of the Big Hole River about an hour southwest of Butte, Montana, and is a cooperative effort between Project Healing Waters and the George and Betty Harbaugh Foundation.

This Fall we are planning to send our Vets and with our volunteers (guides) to the Virginia Regional Outings at Back Creek, River Bound and Harmon Cabins in West Virginia.

Our outreach to Veterans Groups and other community groups supporting Veterans continues this month with a presentation to the AmVets and Disabled American Veterans in Stephens City on 17 Aug.

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State TU-Burr Tupper, Vice Chair of the VA State Council reports that Virginia is one a few states that has an “at large TU chapter” An effort is underway to get those members connected to an existing chapter so those chapters would gain some additional financing. Bill suggested if Burr could obtain the email addresses of those at large members, he would add them to the Lateral Lines Newsletter distribution.

Red Bud Run Restoration-Bill, representing Bud, reported that the workday will be August 13th this month. Look for Bud’s email on August 12th for details.

Bar Fly-Gene Lewis

The next Barfly is scheduled for 7:00pm Wednesday August 10th at the Escutcheon Brewery in Winchester, VA.

Future Meetings and dinner

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm August 1, in the lower level of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick. For those who wish to eat dinner in the Lodge prior to the meeting, 5:15 pm reservations should be made through Wayne White 703-919-2952.

Our annual Holiday party has been scheduled for Sunday December 11th at the Shenandoah University’s Cool Springs Campus along the Shenandoah River

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:14 pm.

Submitted by:

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