

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(November 3, 2022)

The meeting was called to order by Gene Lewis, President, at 7:10 pm in the Skyline meeting room of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick.

Project Healing Waters

Members Phil Stephens and Charles Smith presented a wonderful summary of their Project Healing Waters trip. They, along with 6 other vets from Virginia, traveled to Healing Waters Freedom Ranch for Heroes on the Wise River in Montana. They wade and drift boat fished. Charles enthusiastically told of his wonderful experience of catching several species of trout, the beautiful scenery and the wonderful camaraderie he experienced. Phil is the Assistant Program Lead for the Winchester TU Chapter. He served as the trip leader for this outing and gave a summary of the trip details.

See the attached report by Wayne White

Treasurer's report-Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$9,302.74 as of 01 November 2022.

Trout in the Classroom-Gene commented that there are 14 tanks up and running and thanks to Lisa and the volunteers who helped to get them started.

Projects

Bud was not present at the meeting, however Red Bud Run workday is scheduled for 10am on Saturday November 5.

Frederick County North East Land Use Plan (NELUP) Andrea Berkenkemper, a guest in attendance, presented her concern about this plan and it's possible effect on the water levels in Red Bud Run. She resides and owns property along this stream. She presented her concerns about the plan allowing the expansion of the Carmeuse Mining operation and the negative effects that this expansion will have on the water flow in Red Bud Run.

Bar Fly gathering will be held Wednesday November 9 at 7pm at Escutcheon Brewery.

Holiday Party Our annual holiday party and silent auction is scheduled for December 11 and will be held at the Cool Springs campus of Shenandoah University along the Shenandoah River. The cost is \$35 per person. Arrive by 3:30pm. Food served at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Fred Boyer, Secretary



**Winchester Trout Unlimited Chapter Update
3 November 2022**

Thanks to everyone for the continued support our program. **We now have 15 Veteran participants** and 25 volunteers. Four new volunteers: Jackson Dierberg, Dan Soper, Leah Cawthorn and Corrina Wendel.

Please note our next meeting Wednesday, 16 November, 6:30-8:30pm in Rachel's Kitchen. Our agenda will include an introductory class on aquatic insects and a presentation from Phil Stevens and Charles Smith on their recent trip to the Healing Waters Freedom Ranch in Wise River, Montana.

Winchester Project Healing Waters Program will support the Shenandoah National Park Veterans Day activities on Friday, 11 November 22, from 10am to 4pm at the Dickey Ridge Visitors Center, north entrance to the park. In observance of Veterans Day, the National Parks will admit all Veterans for free that day. We will meet with veterans and interested Park patrons at the Dickey Ridge Visitors Center on Veterans Day to discuss the Healing Waters mission and program as well as demonstrate our fly-fishing instruction and activities.

Lateral Lines feature articles for November: Thank you to Bill Prokopchak for his support of the our program with the publishing the articles on our recent activities: the Leetown outing and Mike Nemeč's successful trip to the Virginia Region River Bound Outing on Big Cedar Creek, Lebanon Virginia, 13-15 Sep, and our first fly-tying class, 16 October.

Next Virginia Regional Outing is Harmon Cabins in West Virginia.

Our outreach to Veterans Groups and groups supporting Veterans:

- **Northern Shenandoah Valley Community Veterans Engagement Board**, Shenandoah University and Joining Community Forces quarterly meetings sponsored by the Winchester Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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