

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(January 5, 2023)

The meeting was called to order by Gene Lewis, President, at 7:04 pm in the Rachel's Kitchen meeting room of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick.

Member Speaker – Jackson Dierberg, a Virginia Conservation Officer, provided a wonderful overview of the training and duties of officers of the Department of Wildlife Resources. (DNR) There are approximately 150 officers statewide with an average of one officer in each county. Their duties include enforcing both VA's legal and Administrative codes. (Administrative codes include fishing, hunting and trapping rules and regulations. He reviewed the organizational structure of his department, the 28-week rigorous training all recruits undergo and the fact that he currently has responsibilities for enforcement in the counties west of the Blue Ridge from Frederick to Rockingham.

Treasurer's report-Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$12,244.20 as of 31 December 2023.

Project Healing Waters-Wayne and Phil report that the next meeting will be on 11 January 2023 at 6:30pm here in Rachael's Kitchen. The second Wednesday of each month at 6:0 pm will be the standard recurring time and day for the meeting.

Bar Fly- The new day for this meeting has been moved to the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm at Escutcheon Brewery.

Trout in the Classroom-Lisa reports that there are 7 schools with active tanks. It is currently unknown as to the number of schools wanting to release their fish into Red Bud Run in May. The release dates are May 12 and 13. Gene is following up on who currently owns the property and who should be contacted to clean up the release site prior to school children being on the property.

Projects

Bud was not present at the meeting; however Red Bud Run workday is scheduled for 10am on Saturday January 7.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:59 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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