

# Winchester Trout Unlimited

(May 4, 2023)

The meeting was called to order by David Juth, Treasurer, at 7:00 pm in the Rachel's Kitchen meeting room of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick.

Guest Speaker – Ami Riscassi, Senior Research Scientist from the University of Virginia, and the Project Coordinator for the Virginia Trout Stream Sensitivity Study (VTSSS). Ami gave a very interesting presentation on the VTSSS, including its purpose, the 2021 results, and a history of the project. The results can be viewed at <https://uva.theopenscholar.com/vtsss2021/results>.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$9,931.20 as of 30 April 2023. Per the voting at the April meeting, \$1,000 was transferred to the new Project Healing Waters fund, and \$400 was transferred to the Education/Outreach fund to be used to support the fly-fishing class being taught at Winchester Parks and Rec by Burr and Mary in June/July. A check for \$1,000 was given to Wayne for the PHW-Winchester program at the end of the meeting.

Project Healing Waters – Wayne reported that the next meeting will be on 10 May 2023 at 6:30pm at Rachael's Kitchen. They participated at the Military Family Day at Shenandoah University 29 April 23. They are having an outing for participants on Saturday 6 May 2023 at 8:00am at the Izaak Walton League on Rt 50 near Winchester, and another 27 May 2023 at the Leetown Fish Hatchery. Several other outings are planned for the next few months as well.

Bar Fly – The next Bar Fly is set for Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7:00 pm at Escutcheon Brewery.

Trout in the Classroom – The release date is 12 May 2023, first class will arrive 8:30am, second at 9:45. Bill is planning to be there to help. Dave asked anyone else who is interested to contact Gene.

Red Bud Workday – Bud said the next Red Bud Run workday is scheduled for 10:00am on Saturday 6 May 2023.

Winchester Parks and Recreation Fly-Fishing Class – Burr and Mary reported that the class will be in three sessions, 20 June, 27 June, and 11 July 2023.

Front Royal Earth Day – Dave reported that Gene Lewis and Mike Hart staffed the Winchester TU information table at the event. Intense thunderstorms cut the event short, but Gene and Mike met and were able to get contact information from several interested people.

Mossy Creek Mobile Fly Shop in Winchester – Gene has been in contact with Brian Trow from Mossy Fly Fishing in Harrisonburg, VA. Brian said they have a truck set up as a mobile fly-fishing shop and want Winchester to be one of the first stops. Tentatively scheduled for 20 May 2023 at Escutcheon Brewery. Details to follow.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:55 pm. Submitted by:  
David Juth, Treasurer