

# Winchester Trout Unlimited

(June 1, 2023)

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

There were 19 in attendance.

We did not have a guest speaker for this meeting.

## **TREASURS REPORT:**

Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$8,954.42 as of June 1, 2023.

## **PROJECTS:**

Red Bud Run—Bud reports that the monthly work session will be held on June 3 at 9am.

## **EDUCATION:**

Trout in the Classroom- Gene reports that Bill Prokopchak and Dave Juth were on hand to help two classes release their fingerlings at Red Bud Run.

Project Healing Waters—Wayne reports that the next participant/volunteer meeting will be held on June 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Rachel's Kitchen. See the attached more detailed report.

Bar Fly- The next Bar Fly meeting will be on June 21 at 7pm at the Escutcheon Brewery. All are welcome, especially those new to fly-tying.

Fishing Rodeo—Burr and Mary report that there will be a fishing rodeo at Jim Barnett Park on June 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be out of town and need a volunteer to man the chapter's booth. No one volunteered to step in at the meeting.

Winchester Parks and Rec fly fishing classes—Burr and Mary report that the classes that they originated for the city will be held on 6/27, 7/11 and 7/18. To date, no one has signed up for the classes. Burr indicates that he suggested that parks and rec reduce the price of the classes from \$75 to \$50.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mossy Creek Fly Shop brought their Mobile Fly Shop to Escutcheon Brewing on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. The event was deemed a success both for Mossy Creek and our chapter. 15-20 names were added to our mailing list with the potential of new chapter members. Mossy Creek owners indicated they would like to repeat the event in the future.

Chapter Board of Directors—Gene announced that the chapter is undergoing some additional organization and we have a need to create a formal Board of Directors. Besides the chapter officers we are looking for 3 additional members. If anyone has an interest in serving please let Gene know. During the August meeting the board will be formally elected.

Chapter membership zip codes—Burr reports that our geographical location does not appropriately and conveniently match with the way National TU assigns members based on the surrounding zip codes. He is suggesting that some zip codes to the west and south of us be assigned to our chapter rather than the Rapidan and/or the Massanutten chapters. He made a motion, that was seconded by Drew, for him to approach the state council to reassign zip codes to our chapter. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Fred Boyer, Secretary



**Winchester Trout Unlimited Chapter Update**  
**1 June 2023**

**Status: We now have 25 Veteran participants and 35 volunteers.**

**Regular monthly program meetings** are held the second Wednesday of the month in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Fredericksburg, VA, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

**Recent Activities:**

**29 April – Military Family Day at Shenandoah University.** We had a booth with fly-tying and casting demonstrations. Winchester PHW participation: Phil Stevens, Dave Harrelson, Warren Dudenbostel and Wayne White

**6 May -- Fishing Outing at Ernie Neff Lake, Izaak Walton.** (*Lateral Lines* article)

**9–11 May – Virginia Region River Bound Outing.** Phil Stevens guided two Fredericksburg participants. (*Lateral Lines* article)

**10 May – Monthly meeting.** Casting clinic and planning for Leetown outing.

**16–18 May – Virginia Region Back Creek Outing** Heather Wright participated. Wayne White guided. Mike Budnie guided Matt Kuhns (USMC Ret) Fredericksburg participant.

**20 May – Harrisburg Project Healing Waters Program Outing, Penns Creek, Weikert, PA** Phil and Wayne attended to observe and note operations. (*Lateral Lines* article)

**27 May – Fishing outing at Leetown Fish**

Hatchery, Kearneysville, WVA

## Planned Activities

### **Wednesday 14 June -- Volunteer Information**

**Briefing** (Regular Monthly Meeting) To inform volunteers of program activities and events for the next 90 days, ask them to participate, and possibly lead some of the required support for those activities and outings.

### **Friday 30 June -- Fishing outing and cookout.**

Venue TBD. Considerations are Izaak Walton Lake and Shenandoah River at the Shenandoah University Cool Springs Campus.

**Wednesday 12 July -- Fly Tying Class** regular monthly meeting at Shenandoah Lodge

**Wednesday 9 Aug -- Station Training** (fly tying, knot tying, casting) regular monthly meeting at Shenandoah Lodge  
Winchester Project Healing Waters Program  
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## **Regional Fishing Outings:**

**Back Creek** Sep (TBD)

Christina Nelson is slated to attend.

**River Bound** Sep (TBD)

## **Invitational Trips**

**Maryland:** Stars and Stripers (Kent Island Yacht Club) 19 Aug (1ea participant)

## **National Trips**

**Freedom Ranch, Women Only:** 25-29 July 23 (8

seats)

**Christine Erin will**

attend.

**Freedom Ranch, Virginia Region:** 22-26 Aug

23 (8 seats)

**Regional Casting Competition: 17 June 2023**

We do not have any

competitors.

**Outreach to Veterans Groups and groups supporting Veterans:**

- > 29 April – Military Family Day at Shenandoah University sponsored by Northern Shenandoah Valley Community Veterans Engagement Board, and Joining Community Forces**

Thanks to Bill Prokopchak for his continued support of our program activities with the publication of Lateral Lines.

Thanks to all our volunteers who support our mission of helping heal those who served.

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