

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(September 7, 2023)

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

There were 21 in attendance.

Guest Speaker:

Cade Bailey, a 13-year-old, very capable fly tyer, gave a fantastic presentation on his history and experience in fly tying. His power point presentation and articulated fly-tying demonstration was very well received by those in attendance. He can be contacted on Instagram: cadebailey@dead-drift-fishing

TREASURS REPORT:

Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$8,954.42 as of August 31, 2023. This is unchanged since the June report.

PROJECTS:

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

EDUCATION:

Trout in the Classroom- Egg delivery is scheduled for the first week of October. Typically, it is on a Tuesday, but the specifics will be communicated via email as the details are obtained.

Project Healing Waters- Wayne reports that the next participant/volunteer meeting will be held on 9/13/23 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Rachel's Kitchen. On October 10, PHW will have a table at the Stephen City Veterans Business Day Fair. See the attached more detailed report.

Bar Fly- The next Bar Fly meeting will be on Wednesday September 20 at 7pm at the Escutcheon Brewery. All are welcome, especially those new to fly-tying.

NEW BUSINESS:

The October meeting will be the annual joint gathering of our TU Chapter the Audubon Society. It will be held at Laurel Ridge Community College and begins at 7pm.

Our annual Holiday party is scheduled for December 17th and will be held at the Cool Springs Campus of Shenandoah University.

Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive fishing is closed until further notice due to the ongoing draught.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Fred Boyer, Secretary



HEALING THOSE WHO SERVE.

**Winchester Trout Unlimited Chapter Update
3 August 2023**

Status: We currently have 26 Veteran participants and 37 volunteers.

Note: Our next meeting is Thursday, 10 Aug, in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, **6:30-8:30 pm**. Note this is a one-time change to our regular monthly program meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the same time and place.

Recent Activities:

Wednesday 14 June -- Volunteer Information Briefing. Identified activities, training, outings, and the people and resources required and determined ways to build relationships with our participants to support their healing journey. Set calendar dates.

Wednesday 12 July -- Fishing outing and cookout. Shenandoah River at the Shenandoah University Cool Springs Campus. 11 Participants and 11 Volunteers attended. Article featured in Winchester TU Newsletter Lateral Lines, 2 August 2023.

11 July -- FY24 Financial Plan submitted. HQ PHW approval expected in September

25-29 July -- Freedom Ranch Trip for Women Only, Wise River, Montana
Christine Erin attended

Planned Activities

4-6 Aug Virginia Region Leadership Training, Charlottesville, Va.

Wayne, Phil and Jackson Dierberg will attend

10 Aug Wednesday -- Station Training (fly tying, knot tying, casting) regular monthly meeting at Shenandoah Lodge

15 Aug -- Volunteer Executive Leadership Meeting. Planning for monthly meetings, training and outings for September through December 2023.

19 Aug -- Winchester Program Booth at Winchester Tractor Supply Company

Mike Hart and Mike Smith are the leads

9 September – Fishing outing at Leetown

13 September – Monthly Meeting (Agenda TBD) Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, 6:30-8:30 pm.

24 September – Fishing Outing at Beaver Creek

Regional Fishing Outings:

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| Back Creek | <u>21-23 Sep</u> Christina Nelson will attend. |
| River Bound | <u>13-15 Oct</u> Warren Dudenbostel will attend |

Invitational Trips

Maryland: Stars and Stripers (Kent Island Yacht Club) 19 Aug
Erwin Casto will attend

National Trips

22-26 Aug 23 -- Freedom Ranch, Virginia Region: (8 seats)
Logan Williams will attend

Outreach to Veterans Groups and groups supporting Veterans:

- **22 June – Northern Shenandoah Valley Community Veterans Engagement Board, and Joining Community Forces Quarterly Meeting**

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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