

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(October 5, 2023)

The meeting was called to order by Gene Lewis, President, at 8:20 pm at Laurel Ridge Community College Rm 145.

There were 15 TU members present for the business meeting and an additional 30 + for the yearly joint meeting of our TU Chapter and the Audubon Society.

Guest Speaker:

Joshua Kincade, professor of Environmental Studies and Geography at Shenandoah University spoke on the importance of large woody debris in streams and the roles they play in stream ecology, erosion, and sediment storage. Joshua highlighted that the importance of wood in streams has been recognized and researched since the 1970's. He defines Large wood (LW) as 1 meter in length or longer and 5 cm in diameter or larger. Many key points of his talk included:

- LW alters water flow and enhances sediment deposits.
- LW increases habitat and abundance and diversity of macro and micro invertebrates.
- Unmanaged rivers tend to be wood rich

TREASURS REPORT:

Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$8,954.42 is the same as last month.

PROJECTS:

Red Bud Run—Bud reports that the monthly work session will be held not on October 7th the typical first Saturday following our Chapter meeting but October 14th due to the availability of several key volunteers.

EDUCATION:

Trout in the Classroom- Lisa reports that several volunteers helped in the delivery of Brook trout eggs to 11 schools on Tuesday October 3rd.

Project Healing Waters-No report.

Bar Fly- The next Bar Fly meeting will be on Wednesday October 18 at 7pm at the Escutcheon Brewery. All are welcome, especially those new to fly-tying.

NEW BUSINESS:

TU VA State Council-Burr reports that at their annual meeting of the council Dave Juth's received a major thank you for his work on maintaining the state website.

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:

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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