

# Winchester Trout Unlimited

(January 4, 2024)

The meeting was called to order by Gene Lewis at 7pm in Rachel's Kitchen meeting room of the Shenandoah Lodge at Lake Frederick. There was a total of 19 in attendance including 6 first time guests.

Gene gave a summary of the request to TU National to include parts of West Virginia, Clark, Warren, and Shenandoah Counties in the Winchester TU area of responsibility since there have been TU members assigned to Chapters several miles from their homes. Gene also mentioned the success of our annual Holiday Party with approximately 50 in attendance and the financial success of the silent auction.

## **TREASURS REPORT:**

Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$12,612.21 in our account, with \$1,415 in donations from the silent auction.

## **PROJECTS:**

Red Bud Run—Bud reports that the monthly work session for Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to a later date. Bud will inform the chapter via email when the workday is rescheduled.

Priority Waters—Gene reported that the state TU hopes that our chapter will support the effort as we await more direction from the state.

## **EDUCATION:**

Trout in the Classroom- Nothing to report

Project Healing Waters—See Wayne's and Phil's report attached.

Bar Fly- The next Bar Fly meeting will be on Wednesday January 17 at 7pm at the Escutcheon Brewery. All are welcome, especially those new to fly-tying.

VA flyfishing and Wine Festival is scheduled for January 13 and 14 in Doswell, VA.

Rapidan Fishing Show is scheduled for February 10, 9-3 in Warrenton, Va. PHW will have a table at the show.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Fred Boyer, Secretary



## Winchester Program Update 4 January 2024

**Status:** We currently have **24 active participants** and **31 active volunteers** in the program.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, 10 January 2024** in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, **6:30-8:30 p.m.**

### Recent Activities:

None in December

### Planned Activities

**13-14 January – Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival**, Meadow Park Event Center, Doswell, Va. Winchester program lead will support the Virginia Region Project Healing Waters Information Booth.

**20 January – Fly-tying class at Jake's Bait and Tackle**, Winchester, VA, 1100 – 2 pm. This is the first of additional classes for continued basic and intermediate instruction. Additional classes will be offered in February and March (Dates and Time TBD)

**10 February – Rapidan TU Fly Fishing Show**, Highland School, Warrenton, Virginia. Winchester program will partner with the Fredericksburg Program, operate an information booth, and provide fly-tying demonstrations. We will need no more than six people to support this event.

**March – Project Healing Waters Fly-Tying Marathon, at the US Marine Corps Museum, Quantico, VA.** (Date TBD) Winchester program will participate in this event, which provides flies tied at that weekend event to all programs across the country.

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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