

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(November 7, 2024)

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dawn Kirk- Fisheries Biologist with the US Forest Service presented to the group via a Zoom link. She has responsibility for both the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests covering both West Virginia and Virginia. Her talk focused on the need to improve stream road crossings via a program called "Stream Smart Road Crossings". She stated that only 3% of culverts work properly to maintain the ecology of stream habitat.

TREASURS REPORT:

Dave Juth reports that the Chapter has a balance of \$9,392.03 of 11/1/2024.

PROJECTS:

Red Bud Run—Bud reports that the monthly work session will be held on Saturday November 9th at 10 am.

Priority Waters— Mike Makufka reports that the work that he and Mike Smith have done on the streams within our Chapter's responsibility is an indication that we are leading other state chapters in the identifying and monitoring streams assigned to us. Burr reports that Mike Makufka was awarded a trophy by the state council for his Priority Waters efforts and that Mike Smith was awarded a trophy by the state council for his work on Brook Trout Habitat research. Photos to follow at our Holiday Party.

EDUCATION / OUTREACH:

Project Healing Waters--Wayne White see the full report in our November Lateral Lines newsletter

Bar Fly__The next Bar Fly meeting will be on Wednesday November 20th at 7pm at the Escutcheon Brewery.

TIC—There have been no adverse reports from the schools since the eggs were delivered.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Fish With a Member (FWAM)—Mary reported that an outing has been scheduled for December 11 and 12th at Harmons Cabins. If you are interested in joining Mary and Burr, make your reservations ASAP

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual election of officers was held. Gene Lewis was re-elected as President, Dave Juth was re-elected as Treasure and Mike Hart was re-elected as VP. Fred Boyer stepped down as Secretary. Gene is looking for someone who is interested in taking on this position.

By Laws—Article IV Section 2 of the By Laws was amended to read as follows: "The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three and no more than five Chapter Members in good standing plus one Alternate in addition to the four officers listed in Article V. These members....."

By Laws—The following addition was approved by the membership: Article IV. "The Board of Directors shall have permission to spend up to \$500.00 for Chapter business without the approval of the membership. A majority vote by the Board of Directors to approve expenditures will be sufficient."

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Fred Boyer, Secretary