

Meeting Minutes – Sept 29, 2018  
Davis, WV  
West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited

Attendees:

Anthony Lafferty	BCTU/WVTU VC North
Larry Orr	WVTU Treasurer
Lee Orr	WVTU NLC Rep
Bill Thorne	PPKTU
Randy Kesling	MCTU
Mike Sayre	ENCTU
Jim Christie	WVCTU Chairman
Gary Berti	TU Staff
Jeff Nelsen	ENCTU
David Thorne	WV DNR
Steve Pugh	SWVCTU/WVTU VC South

Chairman Jim Christie opened the meeting and a quorum was declared.

Bill Thorne moved to approve Minutes of the May 2018 WVTU Spring Meeting and they were unanimously approved.

Election of WVTU Officers

The current slate of officers was proposed to be the same, except that Eric Condon would become Secretary. Bill Thorne moved to accept the slate as proposed and the vote was unanimous. The officers are:

Jim Christie	Chairman
Lee Orr	NLC Rep
Tony Lafferty	VC North
Steve Pugh	VC South
Eric Condon	Secretary
Larry Orr	Treasurer

Executive Committee Reports

NLC Rep/ TU National Meeting

Lee reviewed some of the activities at the TU National meeting in Redding, CA conducted last weekend. His first point was that someone from WV, other than him needs to attend these meetings. He has been to several and heard the messages. Someone else from WVTU needs this exposure.

WV was awarded a \$10K Embrace – A – Stream grant for Brook Trout ED&A work. This grant does not require matching funds. WVTU was also recognized for the best project in doing this work, and received a bamboo fly rod. Lee proposed to give this rod to Jake Lemon, since he has done basically all the work on the ED&A effort. This was unanimously accepted.

Lee also reported that 19 chapters/councils out of 319 have income of over \$50K.

TU is also working on improving bulk and email communications through the website.

David Thorne of WV DNR said that they are also working on ED&A and he has been in communication with Jake.

David also stated that work on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) has had no problems and stream crossings have been ok. Shutdowns on ACP/MVP have been caused by technical issues on permits – no installation problems.

#### Financial:

The checking account balance was \$18,632.28 on 9/25/2018. Larry presented a summary of contributions and expenditures for the 2018 TU financial year. This will be the basis of the annual financial report for WVTU to be submitted this fall to TU National. WVTU ended up with approximately \$9000 more than anticipated for the fiscal year and a summary of differences was given to attendees. WVCTU should plan on making a \$5-10K donation or provide funding for a project of this size in 2019. Members should bring suggestions to the Winter Planning meeting.

The financial year for TU closes Sept. 30 and Annual Financial reports are due to TU National on Nov. 15. The financial year for TU will change next year and reports will be due May 15. Lee said that the reason for the change is that the timing of the current cycle conflicts with TU Staff having to work on financial issues at the same time as when major efforts are required on projects.

#### Chairman Report:

Jim Christie stated that it has been an “interesting year” – thanks to all. Jim also proposed that the Winter Planning meeting be held again at his companys’ facilities in Clarksburg. There were no objections.

Jim is also looking at developing a legacy fund for WVCTU. The target for this fund would be \$2M and would yield \$80K of operating funds at 4%. He will issue a plan for review prior to the Winter Planning meeting.

#### Vice Chairs:

No reports

TU Staff Updates:

Gary Berti reported that TU Staff in Thomas has a new VISTA volunteer who is Jess Bryzek replacing Mandy Nix. Gary requested a letter of support for work on Howards Brothers Thorn Creek property. He will provide a template for Jim. TU Staff is developing a grant with WV DNR for work on Thorn Creek.

WV DNR Updates:

David Thorne reported that the WV DNR has written a proposal to do ED&A work on about 40 streams in WV.

The East Coast Wild Trout Symposium will be held in Frostberg, MD in June and TU is welcome to participate.

The first cooperative effort with WVU on Holly River is complete.

Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Larry Orr