

West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited



Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2018

Call to Order

On April 28, 2018 a meeting of the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited was held at Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, Seneca Rocks, WV and called to order at 10:00 am by Mr. Lee Orr- Council Immediate Past Chair.

Attendance

<i>Council Members Present</i>	<i>Chapter Reps Present</i>	<i>Other Attendees</i>
Lee Orr, NLC Rep & Past Chair (SFTU) Anthony Lafferty, Vice-Chair North (BCTU) Larry Orr, Treasurer (ENCTU) Randy Kesling, Enviro Chair (MCTU) Eric Condon, Communications (ENCTU)	Mike Sayre, ENCTU Pres Bill Thorne, PPKTU Ken Parker, PPKTU	Gary Berti, TU Nat. Dustin Wichterman, TU Nat. Dave Thorne, WVDNR Chad Landress, USFS
<i>Council Members Not Present</i>	<i>Chapters Not Present</i>	
Jim Christie, Council Chairman Steve Pugh, Vice-Chair South (SWVCTU) Kim Rowley, Council Secretary	SWVCTU KYOVA Upper Ohio Valley	

Based on attendance a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were not present.

Executive Committee Reports

- 1) Anthony Lafferty, Vice-Chair North- reminder of PPKTU on Seneca Creek
- 2) South- Elkhorn cleanup review; several state orgs present (DEP, DNR, etc.); it was suggested that a safety briefing be conducted at every volunteer event and appropriate safety gear provided i.e. gloves that protect from needles. Should council buy these?

Other Reports

- 1) Dave Thorne, WVDNR- Gold rush was a success, still waiting to get the numbers on increase in license sales; DNR teamed with West Liberty grad students for a crawfish/trout predation study; DNR placing temperature loggers throughout Canaan Valley area trying to identify brook trout habitat on the Chesapeake Bay watershed side; public release of hatchery raised brook trout on May 25

- 2) Randy Kesling, Enviro Chair- pipeline is progressing, the number and size of pipe prepositioning yards are growing; asked for participation in observing pipeline activities, engagement with state and federal organizations.
- 3) Gary Berti, TU Nat.- TU facilitated projects in the state that included 100 miles trout water last year, activities such as riparian planting, fencing, instream work, and culvert replacement; expect public lands work on the Potomac this year.

Unfinished Business

- 1) Minutes from the previous meeting were not present.

New Business

- 1) Southeast Regional Rendezvous
 - a. Need more guides to take people fishing Friday
 - b. Still need to confirm a location for Friday evening's gathering
 - c. Catering for Saturday night's fundraiser provided by CEC, need more donations for auction
 - d. Sunday's conservation tour lead by TU Nat. and WVDNR, anything left to do for this?
 - e. Need "courtesy of" signs for auction donations
 - f. Council will sponsor Chapter Presidents attendance, up to \$300; need names, plans, etc.
 - g. Get conference agenda out to WVDNR and USFS to see where they can work something in
 - h. Gary Berti recommended selling stickers at Rendezvous
- 2) Council's "Run for It" 5k race in September
 - a. Need to order more hats and t-shirts
 - b. TU team needs to be registered by July 1

Announcements

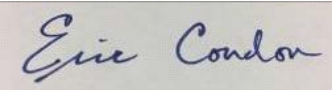
- 1) A Silver Trout Award was presented to Chad Landress, USFS
- 2) A Silver Trout Award was on-hand for Mike Owen, USFS; Dustin Wichterman agreed to deliver it to him
- 3) Upcoming events
 - a. SE Regional Rendezvous, May 18-20, Canaan Valley Resort, WV
 - b. ENCTU Bucket Brigade, June 9
 - c. SFTU meeting with Richwood area residents to discuss chapter
 - d. SFTU N.F. Cherry River cleanup

Adjournment

[Action: *Motion to adjourn*, seconded, and carried.]

Minutes recorded by:

7/19/2019

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Eric Condon

Minutes approved by:

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Jim Christie
WVTU Council Chair