

# West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited



## Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2019

### Call to Order

On September 28, 2019 a meeting of the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited was held in Davis, WV and called to order at 12:30 am by Mr. Lee Orr- Council NLC Representative.

### Attendance

<b><i>Council Members Present</i></b>	<b><i>Chapter Reps Present</i></b>	<b><i>Other Attendees</i></b>
Lee Orr, NLC Rep & Past Chair (SFTU) Anthony Lafferty, Vice-Chair North (BCTU) Larry Orr, Treasurer (ENCTU) Steve Pugh, Vice-Chair South (SWVCTU) Eric Condon, Secretary (ENCTU)	Bill Thorne, PPKTU Asley Orr, SFTU Avery Orr, SFTU James Eddy, PPKTU	Gary Berti, EHRI Director Dave Thorne, WVDNR Jim Hedrick, WVDNR Morgan Agee, PHHRI
<b><i>Council Members Not Present</i></b>	<b><i>Chapters Not Present</i></b>	
Jim Christie, Council Chairman Randy Kesling, Environmental Chair	Upper Ohio Valley Mountaineer	

Based on attendance a quorum was declared.

### Approval of Minutes

*[Action: A motion to approve the minutes with one change was made, seconded, and carried.]*

### Executive Committee Reports

- 1) Lee Orr, NLC Rep- Lee reiterated the desire for chapter delegates to nominate members for leadership roles with the council. Also reminded Council that the New River NP bill was reintroduced in the state legislature, WVTU is neither for nor against.
- 2) Larry Orr, Treasurer- Larry provided a budget update based on what's happened since the budget was approved in February and forecasted that Council will have approximately \$10,000 in the bank at the end of the FY.

## Other Reports

- 1) Jim Hedrick, WVDNR Hatchery Program- Jim briefed Council on DNR's Hatchery Program and asked for suggestions that would enhance WVDNR and WVTU's partnership, specifically with regard to fingerling stocking.
  - a. WVDNR needs better accountability for the fingerlings stocked by WVTU chapters
  - b. Jim is required to submit a report listing the names of streams that will be stocked annually; chapters need to validate the list's accuracy and/or provide changes
  - c. Requested information about fingerling success rates by stream
    - I. How do we measure success?
    - II. Discussed ideas for gathering data- creel surveys with specific questions/criteria
  - d. Proposed the question "What time of year do we want to stock fingerlings, how big do we want them to be?"
- 2) Dave Thorne, WVDNR- Dave provided an update on a few of the projects that WVDNR is currently involved in around the state.
  - a. Buffalo Creek survey indicates a lack of trout and will likely come off of the special regulations list
  - b. Trout Management Plan development continues, plan overview and public comment can be access on the WVDNR Fishing website
- 3) Gary Berti- Introduced new AmeriCorps PHRRI team members and provided program updates; new initiatives with Western Maryland and Virginia

## Unfinished Business

- 1) TU Business Partnership with Greenbrier Valley Brewing Co. (contact Walt Gasson @ TU for Business Partner info)

## New Business

- 1) KYOVA de-charter (POC E. Condon)
- 2) Council Officer Elections  
*[Action: A motion to approve the current council with one change was made]*

Roman Stauffer to replace Steve Pugh as Vice-chair South

*[Action: motion was seconded, and carried.]*

WVTU Elected Officers/Executive Committee:

Council Chair-	Jim Christie
NLC/Past Chair-	Lee Orr
Vice-Chair North-	Anthony Lafferty
Vice-Chair South-	Roman Stauffer
Treasurer-	Larry Orr
Secretary-	Eric Condon

## Announcements

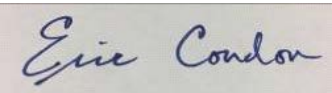
### 1) Upcoming events

- a. Next Council meeting will be in February 2020
- b. Next SOS scheduled for October 12, 2019

## Adjournment

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

Minutes recorded by:

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Eric Condon

WVTU Council Secretary

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