

# West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited

## Meeting Minutes



February 19, 2022

### Call to Order

On February 19, 2022 a meeting of the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited was conducted via Zoom and called to order at 10:00 am by Mr. Brad Riffée- Council Chairman.

### Attendance

Brad Riffée, MCTU, Council Chair Larry Orr ENCTU, Treasurer Eric Condon, ENCTU, Secretary Paul McKay, OVCTU, Ch Pres Jimmy Easter, ENCTU, Ch Pres Jacquelyn Core, PPKTU, Ch Pres Randy Kesling, MCTU Nathan Rees, PPKTU	Lee Orr, ENCTU Dave Thorne, WV DNR Jay Hanna, PPKTU Jeff Kresch, MCTU J.R. Eddy, PPKTU John Golden, ENCTU Bubba Holt, PHWFF
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*Based on attendance a quorum was declared.*

### Approval of Minutes

*[Action: A motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, with no changes, was made, seconded, and carried without debate.]*

### Executive Committee Reports

- 1) Brad Riffée, Council Chair- February newsletter is available
- 2) Larry Orr, Treasurer- Reminder that chapter financial reports are due in May

### Conservation Committee Report

- 1) Randy Kesling- Link to "Conservation Corner" on the council website  
<https://wvcouncil.tu.org/blog-posts/conservation-corner>

### Priority Waters Committee Report

- 1) Nearing finalization of state priority waters listing

### Awards Committee Report

- 1) Larry Orr- no awards pending.

### Chapter Reports

- 1) The following chapter representatives provided brief chapter reports.
  - a) Paul McKay, OVCTU- monthly meetings, teaching FF @ Oglebay Park, planning to include rod building and fly tying in meetings, and spring

outings.

- b) Jacquelyn Core, PPKTU- planning for spring and summer events including a Seneca Rocks cleanup and fingerling stockings.
- c) Jimmy Easter, ENCTU- holding monthly meetings, working on a contribution from TC Energy, planning to do some stream monitoring.
- d) MCTU- Spring cleanup event, fly tying meetings.

### Other Reports

- 1) David Thorne, WV DNR- Provided the following updates.
  - a) WV Trout Management Plan- nearing end of coord, hopefully available soon
- 2) Bubba Holt- Provided the following updates.
  - a) 2022 event schedule is available; Greenbrier FF Tournament, Thornwood event, Musky Tournament
  - b) Potential for a fly fishing expo at The Greenbrier in 2023

### Unfinished Business

- 1) Treasurer position, need to identify a new Treasurer for Larry to mentor
- 2) Fly Fishing School, start planning committee and schedule for 2023?

### New Business

- 1) The Upper Ohio Valley Chapter would like to change its name to “Northern Panhandle Chapter”

*[Action: A vote to approve the name change for this chapter to “Northern Panhandle Chapter” conducted and the name change was approved without debate.]*

- 2) Nomination of Lee Orr for Council Vice Chair South

*[Action: A vote to elect Lee Orr to the position of VC South was conducted and approved without debate.]*

- 3) Nomination of Paul McKay for Council NLC Representative

*[Action: A vote to elect Paul McKay to the position of NLC Rep was conducted and approved without debate.]*

### Announcements

- 1) Upcoming events
  - a) WVDNR Commissioners Meeting, February 27, 2022
  - b) Kite Fest at Spruce Knob, June 25, 2022
  - b) Next Council meeting on March 19, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

*[Action: Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried without debate.]*

Minutes recorded by:

Eric Condon  
WVTU Council Secretary