West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2021

Call to Order

On February 27, 2021 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 Riffee- Council Chairman.

Attendance

Council Members Present	***Chapter Reps Present***	***Other Attendees***
Brad Riffee, Council Chairman (MCTU) Jim Christie, Treasurer & Past Chair (MCTU) Nathan Justice, Vice-Chair North (SFTU) Roman Stauffer, NLC (ENCTU) Eric Condon, Secretary (ENCTU) Randy Kesling, Environmental Chair (MCTU)	Gene Thorn MCTU Pres Bronson Brown SWVTU Pres Jacquelyn Core PPKTU Pres Stephen Bodnar BCTU Pres Larry Orr ENCTU Lee Orr SFTU	Bubba Holt, PHWFF Dave Thorne, WVDNR Dustin Wichterman, TU Jack Farrell, TU
Council Members Not Present	***Chapters Not Present***	
VACANT, Vice-Chair South	Upper Ohio Valley	

Based on attendance a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

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

Executive Committee Reports

1) Brad Riffee, Council Chairman- Brad reminded everyone he had the TU Brook Trout posters he would like to distribute to chapters.
2) Jim Christie, Treasurer- Jim provided a comprehensive budget report to include the spend plan for the year.

[Action: *A motion to approve the spend plan was made, seconded, and carried without debate*.]

3) Roman Stauffer, NLC Rep- discussed using the Community Forum on TU's website. He pointed out that there are levels of access that may be helpful for TU leaders.

Conservation Committee Report

Randy Kesling, Cons. Comm. Chair- Conservation and legislative issues were discussed by the group. Randy is working on solidifying a contact list of those interested in tracking legislative issues.

Awards Committee Report

1) Larry Orr mentioned that a recommendation was made to present a Silver Trout Award to Gary Berti.

[Action: *A motion to award Mr. Berti with an STA was made, seconded, and carried without debate.*]

Chapter Reports

1) The following Chapter Presidents provided brief chapter reports. Most presented startegies for moving forward with communication and projects in a COVID-restricted environment.
   a) MCTU, Gene Thorn
   b) BCTU, Stephen Bodnar
   c) ENCTU, Roman Stauffer
   d) PPKTU, Jacquelyn Core
   e) SFTU, Nathan Justice

Other Reports

1) Dave Thorne, WVDNR- Dave reported on several DNR activities that are ongoing
2) Bubba Holt, PHWFF- Provided an update on PHWFF activities
   a) PHWFF uses a "volunteer app" to track everything
   b) 2021 Thornwood veterans event
   c) Funding support
3) Larry Orr, WV Trout Management Plan- Larry discussed progress on the plan, as a member of the Stakeholders Committee

Unfinished Business

1) None

New Business

1) Still need to nominate and select a Council Vice Chair, South

Announcements

1) Upcoming events
   a) Spring Council meeting 2021 date and location TBD
   b) Fall Council meeting will be held again in September at Davis, WV in conjunction with Run-For-It weekend

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

Minutes recorded by:

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Eric Condon
WVTU Council Secretary