

VCTU Annual Meeting Minutes September 17, 2022 (at Graves Mountain Lodge)

Attendees: Deidra Stultz (Roanoke), Amy Orr (Rapidan), Ami Riscassi (UVA), Burr Tupper (Winchester), Mary Weiss (Winchester), Tony Smith (At Large), Seth Coffman (Staff), Dave Swenson (Smith River), Jeff Deering (Smith River), Bud Nagelvoort (Winchester), Stan Ikonen (Winchester), Fred Kallmeyer (Rapidan), Chuck Hoysa (Rapidan), Mike Makufka (Winchester), Tony Hill (NOVA), Jason Collins (Smith River), Bill Pierce (Massanutten), Rodney Miner (Massanutten), Tom Benzing (Shenandoah Valley), Brad Striebig (Massanutten), Al Kittredge (Smith River), Jim Wilson (NOVA)

1. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.
2. Ami Riscassi presented a summary of the results of the findings from the ongoing VTSSS which included the 2021 stream sampling. Sampling years have been 1987, 2000, 2010 and 2021. Defoliations likely lead to increased nitrate in 2021. It was suggested that more analysis be performed of rainfall data.
3. Seth Coffman presented information about the Priority Waters selection process in Virginia. The areas proposed for Priority Waters status include (1) the streams that originate in Shenandoah National Park—Blue Ridge Parkway, (2) the Upper James-Shenandoah Valley, and (3) the Grayson Highlands in SW Virginia. Seth also provided updates on the stream work being performed by TU in Virginia.
4. Burr Tupper spoke about the survey done earlier this year of Virginia TU members. He also presented a draft plan outlining the role, responsibilities, and implementation of a Virginia Council Action Committee. Council members interested in serving on this committee should contact Burr.
5. Steve Romine-- the President of the Skyline Chapter-- recommended that this chapter be de-chartered, and their members encouraged to join other nearby chapters. While this chapter was started in 1978, there have been a number of times when it has been inactive since. They do not want to hold onto the funds that remain in their chapter bank account. A motion was passed to de-charter this chapter and to have the Executive Committee decide between the two options presented at the meeting for transferring these funds. The options are (1) move the money to the Council bank account as restricted funds in case this chapter is re-started or, (2) allocate the money to the two other nearby chapters where Skyline members are likely to move. [At a later meeting the Executive Committee agreed on option (1)].
6. Bill Pierce presented the Treasurer's report. As of September 13, the Council bank account includes \$16,671 in restricted funds and \$33,088 in unrestricted funds—for a total of \$49,758. Bill reviewed recent transactions and also informed Council that a financial review had been completed by Eric Tichay and that no exceptions were found. Bill reported that, per a decision made at an early 2020 Council meeting (specific date unknown), some restricted balances that were no longer "active" that had similar purposes have now been combined in order to provide greater flexibility in use of those funds. The following transfers were made: \$226.36 moved from TIC-Dominion to TIC-VA, \$500.00 moved from TJ Chapter to Garth Run, \$2,466.25 moved from AEP Grant to TIC-VA
7. Jeff Deering from the Smith River chapter described recent discussions that he has had with the Dan River Basin Association about the Council providing support for their TIC program. Previously the Council voted to not include DRBA in the funding that we provided to VA chapters (last year). Jeff presented an argument for providing some TIC funding to DRBA now in past to

develop an improved working relationship with that organization. The Council approved a motion to pay \$1604.48 now to the Smith River chapter, which will turn around and disburse this amount to DRBA for the purpose of funding new purchases of TIC equipment.

8. Chuck Hoysa introduced Mike Makufka as the new State Resource Officer for the Trout in the Classroom program. Mike can be reached at mmakufka@gmail.com.
9. The Awards ceremony honored many chapter members and Council friends. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Joe Cicotello, Maggi Blomstrom and Amy Orr from the Rapidan chapter, Bob Parker and Bob Krieger from the Northern VA chapter, Bud Nagelvoort of the Winchester chapter, and Rodney Miner and Brad Striebig of the Massanutten chapter. In addition, the Youth Education Award was given to Peggy and Carl Dehne. Peggy donated Carl's collection of rods, reels, and other fly-fishing equipment to the Council last year.

Note: a recording of this meeting is available on the VA Council website.