

VCTU Executive Committee Meeting Notes October 24, 2022

Attendees: Mike Makufka, Burr Tupper, Amy Orr, Jim Wilson, Eric Tichay, Tony Hill, Scott Allen, Bill Pierce

Doug Jessie resigned as Secretary effective November 2nd. He has not completed the meeting minutes from the Sept. 17th meeting but should submit a draft soon. We need to search for a replacement.

Burr Tupper discussed the proposal that he developed for a Virginia Council Action Committee. His draft was circulated before the meeting. Action item: Everyone send him an email by Thanksgiving with ideas about key tasks that this sub-committee might focus on initially.

The Council will have a booth at the January 14-15, 2023 Fly Fishing and Wine Festival in Doswell, VA. This will be in conjunction with National TU. The group that will coordinate to organize our efforts for that weekend are Jim Wilson, Burr Tupper, Eric Tichay, Tony Hill and Scott Allen.

Bill Pierce reported that the chapter rebate checks were just distributed. He will work on submitting a \$500 check to the American Fisheries Society to support their 2023 meeting in the Tidewater area (as suggested by Seth Coffman).

Jim Wilson, Burr Tupper and Eric Tichay are coordinating on activities to re-start the VA Capital Chapter. Jim Wilson already sent an email to the 29 TU members who responded to the Council survey. He got 5 or 6 responses. He will try to set-up an initial meeting in Richmond this fall to discuss the key items involved with re-starting the chapter. Another key milestone will be the January 2023 Festival. Other potential activities to generate interest might include coordinating with the James River Association on tree planting or river clean-ups, and meeting at a brewery.

Please review the draft 2023 VCTU calendar and provide comments to Eric Tichay. Eric will work with the Roanoke chapter to organize the February meeting and Jim Wilson will work with the Massanutten chapter on the May meeting.

We need to invite the teenager (Alex Koll) that we sponsored for the recent TU Teen Summit to attend a 2023 Council meeting. He should provide a brief talk about his experience.

Mary Weiss reviewed the VCTU website and provided a PPT with her analysis. Anyone interested in being involved with that review should contact Mary or Burr.

A number of Council members expect to attend the SE Regional Rendezvous in Asheville in March 2023. We need to work out how to subsidize some of the costs of making this trip. What was offered for the National Meeting in Roanoke VA could serve as a model.