

## VCTU Executive Committee Meeting Notes – October 23, 2023

### Attendees:

Jim Wilson, Scott Allen, Bill Pierce, Amy Orr, Paul Kearney, Stan Ikonen, Jeff Deering, Eric Tichay, Mike Makufka Tony Hill, Tom Benzing, Richard Foust

Meeting Start: 7:33 p.m.

Meeting End: 9:00 p.m.

### Agenda:

1. Minutes from Aug 14<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Reviewed / Approved
2. Recap Annual Meeting Action Items
  - Action items reviewed
  - All actions complete except the following:
    - **[ACTION] Notify national of official decharter of Skyline chapter so NLC can vote (Bill)**
    - **[ACTION] Generate talking points for the legislators for VA Capital Chapter to put some action plans behind them (Jim)** [Note: upcoming meeting with DWR may provide input]
3. Introduce New At Large Board Members (Jim)
  - Welcome Jeff, Paul, and Stan—new At-large Board members
  - All three new board members have been added to TU National leaders list
4. CX3 Spokane Meeting Highlights (Eric Tichay)
  - PDF Report [[Attachment 1](#)]
  - Main theme - Dam removal on lower Snake River
  - Other themes - Barrier projects, eDNA,
  - Tour of dams – built to support movement of grain, algae in warm water of dam pool,
  - PUR fishing offering 50% discount for gear to Councils and Chapters
  - NLC meetings:
    - Native Trout
    - New initiative (National Conservation Agenda (list of TU priorities) vs. TU Strategic Plan)
    - Responsible Mining (Expect requests for comments for future mining)
  - Massanutten Chapter work was noted during awards

(Tom) Has a copy of a Conservation Agenda that was drafted for Virginia in 2015  
VCTU Conservation agenda [[Attachment 2](#)]  
(Tom) provided comments to the Virginia Wildlife Action Plan
5. Priority Waters Next Steps (Jim)
  - Nov 14 Upper James-Shenandoah Zoom meeting
  - Nov 16 Blue Ridge Zoom meeting
  - Grayson Highlands plan on hold
  - Call for Home Waters designations/nominations
    - (Eric) Smith River
    - (Paul) Headwaters of Rapidan [Note: May already be in Blue Ridge PW]
    - (Tom) Buffalo Creek

6. Chapter Re-start efforts and events (Jim)
  - VA Capital Chapter
    - Working on meeting schedule for 2024
    - Recruitment at 2024 VA FF & Wine Festival
  - Lexington – looking for suggestions for local events where we can recruit members
    - (Stan) Is the 5 rivers chapter at VMI active?
    - (Tom) Yes, VMI and Washington and Lee have active 5-rivers chapters

**[ACTION: Follow-up and find contacts for the Lexington area 5-rivers schools (Paul)]**

(Tom) Data loggers from Bufalo Creek collected; plan to meet with Asa to discuss results
7. Halloween Meeting at DWR in Richmond (Jim)
  - Seth provided some agenda topics (Trout Stamp, Wildlife Management Plan, etc....)
8. Community Development Committee (Burr Tupper-via email)
  - Newsletter will go out mid-November. Still collecting topics.
  - 4R (recruit, reward, retain and return) program draft has been reviewed, comments collected and incorporated. Will be developing one specific objective for 2024 for each of the 4Rs. Would like to set up a committee to develop specific objectives and related tasks.
  - Will develop a 2024 questionnaire with the Executive committee which should help define 4R 2024 objectives.

**[ACTION] Jim and Scott plan to meet with Burr to discuss newsletter content (Scott)**
9. Treasurer's Report --include Kids Camp status (Bill Pierce)
  - Balance \$49,261.32 (\$19,456 restricted, \$29,804 unrestricted)

(Jim) Status of money from Youth Camp?

(Paul) Still working on liquidating equipment-some to chapters, some to camps; should be out of storage unit by end of October

  - Money will go to Council for supporting youth activities (Teen Summit, 5-rivers, Youth Grant, Colonial Heights)
10. TIC update (Mike Makufka)
  - Presenting TIC at VA independent school meeting
  - Eggs distributed to schools October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 200 Programs in 2023/24
  - Roanoke and VA Capital have new program managers
  - Stickers distributed
  - Survey volunteers have been connected with Chapters
  - Schools have been notified about the TIC/SIC Forum—a resource for teachers to exchange information
  - VA TIC Facebook page is another resource for the schools
  - Starting to look how to best use the restricted funds (\$8,558 per Bill)
11. 2024 Calendar
  - Draft Calendar [[Attachment 3](#)]

**[ACTION: Provide comments/conflicts and suggested new dates (All)]**

  - Include the following in calendar:
    - February 10 Rapidan show
    - TU 2024 Meeting dates

- March 15-17 SE Regional (Nashville)
- May 3-5 NE Regional (Arlington, VT)
- May 15-17 Western Regional (Idaho Falls)
- Sept. 25-29 Annual Meeting (Minneapolis-St. Paul)

12. VA Fly Fishing & Wine Festival booth –Jan 13-14, 2024 (Scott)

- Council Trifold [Attachment 4](#)

**[ACTION: Contact Beverly and/or Jeff for swag (Scott)]**

**[ACTION: Contact VA Capital for booth volunteers (Scott)]**

**[ACTION: Provide comments/suggested updates (All)]**

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