

## VCTU May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of previous meeting - emailed and approved
2. Action items from the February meeting
  - a. Advocacy position candidate-Bill Pierce (no report)
  - b. Mountain Valley Pipeline—Doug Jessie - not much movement, stream/wetlands crossings are tied up in court for VA and WV
  - c. Bylaw review—status of national TU bylaw revision – waiting for national TU revisions before proceeding.
  - d. North River restoration funds-Bill Pierce, Seth Coffman – new signboard, new bank restoration work
  - e. Wildlife Corridors Action Plan-Tom Benzing – get involved with DWR (Gray Anderson is their point person). This is now a small planning group—but our TU voice is needed when this group expands to ensure fish passage is included in wildlife corridor actions
3. VTSSS report—Tom Benzing– 450 samples were collected in April with some micro-plastics sampling. UVA will send results summaries to EPA’s Clean Air Markets Division for review. UVA will be able to brief us on results once the EPA review is complete.
4. Chapter Reports-All reporting chapters have been conducting Zoom meetings, very little face to face events, some cleanups have happened, some workshops and outdoor events are scheduled as well as in person meeting for later this year
5. Treasurer’s report—there was a motion to approve payment of the \$200 invoice from the Virginia Conservation Network, which passed.
6. NLC report—Eric Tichay
7. Annual meeting planning (Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at Graves Mountain Lodge)
  - a. Suggested agenda items/speakers included Seth Coffman on VA stream projects and Chris Wood or his designee discussing the new national TU strategic plan.
  - b. Awards—nominations are due in August for presentation at the Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
8. Climate change update—Jim Wilson—Helen Neville --TU’s Senior Scientist-- is developing a PowerPoint presentation with current science information plus TU related activities.
9. Reaction to national TU strategic plan update –this is a work in progress so no action needed now.