

# Minutes of Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter TU692

**DATE OF MEETING** January 9, 2025

---

**TIME** 4:00-6:00 PM

---

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Steve Banakas

---

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Banakas, Bill Sturgeon, Bruce Marchette

**TOTAL NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE:** 19 Members

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as posted on our website.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

Bill reported that we currently have \$4984.46 in our checking account (we made \$11 on a T-shirt last month). The treasurer's report was approved.

## **PRESENTATION**

We had no formal presentation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Social Media: Hal was not in attendance and therefore was unable to give his usual report. However, our Public Group Facebook Page now has 341 members up from 338 last month and our Private Page currently has 849 followers up from 805 last month. Our public Facebook page is **Northeast GA Trout Unlimited #692** and our private Facebook page is **Northeast Georgia Trout Unlimited Ch. #692**
- Last month we voted on a motion to make a contribution of \$500 to the North Georgia Technical College's scholarship fund. The donation is part of the deal we made with the college for the use of the meeting room. The motion passed unanimously. This month we voted to write a check to the college for that amount and the \$500 contribution was approved unanimously.
- Fly tying will typically take place on the Saturday following our monthly meetings until further notice. Members interested in tying flies or would like to see how it's done are encouraged to attend. Time and venue are 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Mountain Valley Country Store (2<sup>nd</sup> floor fishing dept). The address is 670 NC-69, Hayesville, NC 28904. The store is one of the few around that carries fly tying supplies. Please note that this month's fly tying session was postponed a week due to inclement weather. It is suggested that interested members check their e-mail for updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Steve stressed once again that we seriously need volunteers to become club President and Vice President. Steve reported that our current Vice President (Harold Hogan) would be formally turning in his resignation as of the beginning of March.

- Steve once again asked the membership in attendance for suggestions for guest speakers and new ideas for meeting content. Suggestions for guest speakers included David Halsey and Jimmy Jacobs. Suggestions for meeting content included:
  - Getting an expert to provide instruction on first aid in the field and on the stream (maybe provided by a someone from a local Fire Dept).
  - Discussions on Stream Strategy, i.e., how to approach and fish a section of stream as presented in an audio/visual presentation. Steve said he can provide a multitude of photographs.
- Larry asked the membership if we liked the “Talking Trout” articles he has been posting on our Facebook pages and we all agreed that we liked it.
- No Fishing Day has been scheduled.
- Club Picnic: No club picnic has been scheduled.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous is scheduled for January 18, 2025 at the Rabun County Civic Center located at 201 West Savannah Street in Clayton, GA. Doors open at 4:00 pm. There will be music, raffles, and silent auctions. A buffet-style dinner will be available with food provided by the Blue Hound Barbeque. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$25 for those 15 years old and younger. The event raises much need moneys for a number of our interests including: Trout Camp, Conservation Education Programs, Helicopter Trout Stocking, among many others.
- The 2025 Atlanta, GA Fly Fishing Show will be taking place January 31 to February 2 at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth, GA. Times are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday, 9 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday, and 9 am to 4:30 pm on Sunday. The website says the show will go on regardless of weather. Advanced tickets can be obtained on their website.

## **FISHING REPORTS**

- If you want a detailed, up to the minute, which areas are best, and what they are biting report, you need to come to the dang meetings.
- Stocking Reports:

North Carolina – Delayed Harvest streams in our area include Big Snowbird Creek, Fires Creek, Nantahala River, and Tuckasegee River. The NCWildlife website provides no updates beyond the week of December 2-6 2024..

Georgia – Delayed harvest streams (Toccoa River, Amicacola Creek, Smith Creek, and Chattooga River) were last stocked Dec 19-20, 2024. The Delayed Harvest Season opened November 1, 2024 and runs through May 14, 2025 – (check the Ga DNR website for exact locations and regulations).

Tennessee – The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency stocks multiple trout streams and other water bodies. The closest to our area are the Tellico River and the Hiwassee River below the Appalachia Dam Powerhouse in Reliance. The Tellico River is catch and release only from October 1 to February 28. They say it is stocked heavily and no special (\$5 a day) permit is required during the catch and release only period.

## **PRIZE WINNERS**

- Because our club version of Santa Claus (Harold) was not in attendance, there were no door prizes or “bugs and bucks” winners.

**The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**February 13, 2025 – Same time and place**