

Minutes of Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter TU692

DATE OF MEETING October 10, 2024

TIME 4:00-6:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Steve Banakas

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Banakas, Harold Hogan, Bill Sturgeon, Bruce Marchette

TOTAL NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 19 Members + 4 guests

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER REPORT:

Bill reported that we received \$257 at the September meeting and now have \$5,312.46 in our checking account. The treasurer's report was approved.

PRESENTATION

We had a good presentation given by two associate degree students attending North Georgia Technical College's Environmental Technology program. They said they are attending the 2-year program which covers multiple disciplines including courses in Wildlife and Fisheries Management specialization that meet the requirement of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for Wildlife and fisheries technicians and conservation managers. Some of the coursework they described included aquaculture, hydroponics, labs, field studies, and community outreach.

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve started old business by stating that (he thought) his term for president was one year and that it would be up in December (this got a good laugh from most of us). If anyone wants to be president or vice president, speak up or forever hold your peace. He also cautioned about failing to show up at meetings or you could be elected to one of these positions in your absence (like he was).
- Social Media: Hal reported that the Public Group Facebook Page now has 335 members up from 306 last month. He also reported that the Private Page currently has 745 members. As was included in last month's minutes: Our public Facebook page is **Northeast GA Trout Unlimited #692** and our private Facebook page is **Northeast Georgia Trout Unlimited Ch. #692**
- Meeting Location, Date, and Time: We will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 PM (with the exception of December) at the North Georgia Technical College (Room 414). The street address of the college is 121 Meeks Ave., Blairsville, GA 30512
- Fires Creek Recreational Dams: Those who have visited Fires Creek after Helene have noted that the recreational dams that we were going to remove (once given the approval of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission) have been effectively removed by the flood waters caused by the storm.
- John Willis stated that the NC Wildlife Resources Commission trout stocking website currently states that "Delayed harvest stockings are postponed indefinitely until we assess both damage to our facilities and damage to the delayed harvest waters that we would normally stock. When more information is available, we will provide it."

- Steve reiterated that he has arranged for Fly Tying one Saturday per month (most likely the Saturday following our meetings) from 10 am to noon at Mountain Valley Country Store located at 760 NC-69 in Hayesville, NC. Tying would take place on the 2nd floor in the Store's fishing Department. If enough people are interested, the tying date will be announced at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chapter Projects: We are still looking for ideas for chapter group projects.
- We also discussed the possibility of getting guest speakers for up-coming meetings.
- No Fishing Day has been scheduled.
- Club Picnic: No club picnic has been scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was mentioned that Sportsman's Day in Atlanta is scheduled for January 23rd. Specific location TBA.
- The Rabun Rendezvous will take place at the Civic Center in Willard on January 18, 2025.
- Howard Nutt said members can bring donations for North Carolinians impacted by Helene to our next meeting. Items in need include clothing (emphasis on warm items such as jackets, hats, and gloves), food, and tools to name a few. The non-profit involved is the Free Will Church.
- Mike Parker mentioned there is a need for fishing flies at next year's Trout School and asked member tyers to provide flies. They will be expecting 13-14 kids needing 10-20 flies each (you do the math).

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.
- Delayed Harvests:
North Carolina - Opens October 1, 2024 through to June 6, 2025 (however, trout stocking postponed until further notice)
Georgia – Opens November 1, 2024 through to May 14, 2025

PRIZE WINNERS

- Door prizes: Lots of door prizes were awarded including a fly box with flies, multiple ball caps, books, and beer glasses.
- Bugs & Bucks, won by a lucky member

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm

NEXT MEETING

Date: November 14, 2024, Time: 4 PM – Place: North Georgia Technical College, 121 Meeks Avenue, Room # 414, Blairsville, GA 30512