

Minutes of Chattahoochee Nantahala Chapter TU692

DATE OF MEETING	August 15, 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 OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 20 + 1 guest

PRESENTATION

We had no formal presentation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER REPORT:

Bill reported that we have \$4,830.46 in our checking account. The treasurer's report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Social Media: Hal reported that the Public Group Facebook Page now has 274 members up from 230 last month. He also reported that the Private Page currently has 61 members.
- Steve suggested that everyone should check their roster listing on the TU692 website (listed in the "members only" tab) to verify that their contact information is current. If the information is not correct, contact Steve, Harold Hogan, or Larry Bundy and one of them will change it for you.
- Venue Change: Steve reported that we had to change our meeting place from the Union County Community Center because, just prior to the July meeting, the new Facility Director of Catering handed Bill Sturgeon an invoice for \$1,500 to cover us using the meeting room for the next year. We had an officers meeting at the end of the July meeting and decided to look for a new venue. Locations under consideration were Young Harris College (a room in the library), Mountain Valley Country Store (the 2nd floor loft area), and the North Georgia Technical College (Room 414). The benefits and disadvantages of each were considered and it was decided that North GA Technical College was the best fit. We can have use of the room from 4 PM to 6 PM on our typical 2nd Thursday of each month with the exception of December when the College is closed. The deal only requires a \$500 per year donation which goes directly to the Environmental Studies Program. In my opinion, the room provides much nicer accommodations and better amenities than our prior meeting place. Cudos to Steve, Harold, and Larry for finding such a nice alternative meeting place for us.

NEW BUSINESS

- Due to the unavailability of the North GA Technical College Meeting Room in December, it was suggested that we may have a virtual meeting instead.
- Chapter Project Suggestions: Since school has started and summer is coming to a close, campers will be leaving their campsites along Fire Creek. Steve stated that children campers make "recreational dams" at some of the

campsites to make swimming holes. These recreational dams cause streamside erosion during periods of heavy and/or prolonged rain resulting in silt effecting water clarity. He asked for volunteers to help remove the dams in the early fall after the Labor Day Holiday.

- We also discussed the possibility of getting guest speakers for up-coming meetings. Harold suggested Dr. Jay Shelton from UGA and Steve said he could do a presentation on knots and how to make DIY leaders.
- TU member and professional fishing guide Pug Wallace said he will provide casting instruction at our next meeting. **Bring your rod to the September meeting if you want to participate.**
- We also discussed our Fishing Day for September. Location suggestions included Standing Indian and Nantahalla Gorge below the Powerhouse.
- Club Picnic: We discussed having another club picnic at the pavilion at Horseshoe Bend Park on the Toccoa River. The projected date is sometime in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No picnic or fishing day was planned for the month of August.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to be Vice President whose supposed only function is to stand in for the president when he is not available.
- Steve is still offering his Small Stream Class to those who are interested. The class takes place over two separate days and cost \$200. This class is only for members. As someone who took the class last summer, it is highly recommended for fly fishers who are new to the area or are just getting into fly fishing.

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.

PRIZE WINNERS

- Door prizes: No door prizes were awarded
- Bugs & Bucks, won by Hal Dowhower
- We had 20 members in attendance. However, some of the officers (to go un-named) decided that the \$100 prizes would be curtailed until the winter months

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:34 pm

NEXT MEETING

Date: September 12, 2024, Time: 4 PM – Place: North Georgia Technical College, 121 Meeks Avenue, Room # 414, Blairsville, GA 30512