

NWCT Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Minutes of meeting

February 6, 2018

The February meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Knights of Columbus by President Ken Ludwig. There were 14 people present.

The Secretary's Report for January was read by Secretary Bob Hart and was accepted as read..

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Scott Ritchie. There is \$4563.53 in our treasury with ~\$900 in outstanding credit card expenses from the banquet. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The "Trout in the Classroom" report was given by Dick Heffernon. Nine schools in the program are up, running and doing well. There was a problem with the school in Canaan where they almost lost the fish in the filter, but the problem was caught and corrected in time. Dick also brought up the request for a fly casting class in the Nonnewaug and Pomperaug schools.

Bob Hart gave a report on the banquet. We ended up with 92 paid tickets and one comp ticket. Even though this was twenty people less than last year, we still made \$2429.60, which was within \$80 of last year's profits. This was due to a lot more of the prizes being donated. A successful banquet! Donations and more attendees would be things to work on next year.

Bob asked for feedback on the event and the comments were 1) people liked the Torrington Country Club as a venue, 2) people liked the food at TCC and 3) there was a suggestion to go back to our original menu of prime rib, chicken or fish as this may attract more people.

Ken Ludwig mentioned our club is sending six people to the Leadership Rendezvous in June. The TU State Council will reimburse our chapter \$500 for the event.

Ken mentioned he opened up a second bank account for donations given to the club. In addition, he set up an Amazon Smile.com account so our club will get ½ of 1% of every purchase anyone makes when our chapter is selected on amazon smile.

James Quadrino gave an update on the Conservation Committee saying we will not be getting the donated trees we had expected for plantings on the Macedonia Brook. He is also looking at various fundraisers.

Caitlin Costa gave an update on the Women's Initiative Committee to look at a joint collaboration with Braided, a club in Manchester (Orvis).

There was a fly swap this evening.

The program for this evening was a DVD video on "The Double Haul with Rhea Topping".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus Hall 152 Litchfield Street, Torrington.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hart
Secretary, NWCT Trout Unlimited