

# **NWCT Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

## **Minutes of meeting**

**March 6, 2018**

The March meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Knights of Columbus by President Ken Ludwig. There were 16 people present.

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

The treasurer's report was given by Bill Richie. There is \$3706.35 in our treasury. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

President Ken Ludwig announced the Club was selling embroidered caps for \$20 each. Four hats have been sold since our banquet in February.

The "Trout in the Classroom" report was given by Dick Heffernon. Dick reported he had submitted a TIC report to the State TU, which was going to get consolidated with the other chapters to generate a statewide update. Dick also reported the Washington Montessori School lost its fish due to an equipment malfunction and it is too late in the year to have them start over.

James Quadrino gave an update on the Conservation Committee saying he had spoken with Tracy Brown about organizing a tree planting event at the Macedonia Brook in the summer. Tracy also stated she would be willing to give a conservation tour to those interested. James is also looking into an Embrace a Stream grant.

Caitlin Costa gave an update on the Women's Initiative Committee. She has opened an Instagram and Facebook account.

Ken Ludwig brought up some complaints from the membership regarding the smell of smoke in the Knights of Columbus hall we are meeting in. He said he mentioned it to the Knights and they told him they had done some cleaning in the room to make it better, although the consensus was it still smelled. As a result, we will start looking for another meeting place.

Ken also reported the gathering at Bohemian Pizza for a fly tying event on March 4<sup>th</sup> was a success (although lighting could have been better). Attendees had fun and showed interest and we may end up doing this again.

There was a fly swap this evening.

The program for this evening was a presentation by Alicea Charamut on the "River Herring: an important yet underappreciated fish". Alicea, in addition to being the head of the State TU, is the river steward of the Connecticut River Conservancy. She discussed the difference between the Blueback Herring and the Alewife and how these species were an important food source for the ecosystem. Numbers in the species started to increase with the breaching of dams but have fallen off dramatically with mid-water trawlers fishing the waters for Atlantic Herring. The River Herring have been caught by the trawlers as they spend time along the Atlantic Herring. Alicea mentioned various committees are working to try to put regulations in place to help mitigate this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus Hall 152 Litchfield Street, Torrington. We are hoping to have a speaker from the DEEP to give an update on the State trout stocking program.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hart  
Secretary, NWCT Trout Unlimited