

**Ashokan – Pepacton Watershed Chapter #559**  
**Trout Unlimited**

**Chapter Meeting Minutes of May 22, 201**

**7:04:** Tony C. called meeting to order.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Jody H. indicating **total cash assets of \$14,870.20**, it was further noted that profits from the "2019 Fund Raising Banquet" were **\$3,970.05** less approximately **\$40.00** of yet to be determined expenses. A motion to accept was forwarded, seconded and so passed.

Tony C. mentioned that at the previous Board Meeting all were in agreement that the Banquet was a resounding success and that several suggestions were made that might improve the event in the future that would be looked into.

Tony C. suggested that the reading of previous minutes be omitted for brevity, assuming there were no comments, none were offered. A motion to accept was forwarded, seconded and so passed.

Tony C. mentioned that the Family Fishing Day at Wilson State Park was reported as a success and that **thanks to Brent and the staff of the park should be recorded.**

It was mentioned that at the Catskill TU Chapter meeting Mike Flaherty had indicated that the NYS DEC was getting close to publishing it's much anticipated stream report.

It was further noted that Mike F. had indicated that there would be a recreational portal release the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June 2019 (not a holiday weekend).

Ed O. indicated that the release would not be terribly large, maybe about 390 CFM and noted that the outlet opening used would be slightly higher than was typical, so slightly higher water temperatures could be expected during said release.

Hank Rope reported that the "Trout in the Classroom Program", now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, had its "**best year ever**" and indicated that it would be continued next year at very little expense.

Ed O. mentioned that a "Heritage Brook Trout Study" outing at South Hollow would be in the first week of June. Particulars of the event would be made available as needed.

Ed O. mentioned that the Chapter Meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in June would be a fishing outing followed by a gathering at the Boiceville Inn for pizza and conversation.

**7:44:** Tony C. made a motion to adjourn the meeting for 15 mins... The motion was seconded, so adjourned.

**8:00:** The meeting reconvened and was turned over to Chris H. who, with wit and grace, introduced **Will Nixon** the author of "**Walking Woodstock**" whom he had persuaded to give a talk at our meeting. The author read two entertaining and informative essays from his book as well as two amusing poems, followed by a Q. and A. session that sparked some lively conversation amongst the author and the group.

**"Special Thanks" to the author for his generous contribution of time and effort, they were greatly appreciated!** Thanks also to Chris for his successful effort in arranging the event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thom Frankel