

“Trout Talk” Substitute Newsletter – October, 2020

Editor’s Note: It has been decided that there will be no “Trout Talk” newsletter this month. Instead, we are forwarding, to our members on the digital mailing list, the following as a substitute: A message from WNYTU President, Mr. Chuck Godfrey, and two attachments regarding the Trout Unlimited Covid-19 Protocol. (If you have requested no attachments, you will receive only Mr. Godfrey’s letter.) Russ Shefrin, Newsletter Editor

Hi everyone,

The next virtual meeting of the WNY Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 7:30. It will serve as our annual meeting and we will hold elections for officers and directors. Joe Morgan has agreed to run for vice president, Dave Unetich for Secretary, and Tony Messina for Treasurer. All are on year terms. The Board terms of Dave Bollman, Bill Jedlicka, and Spencer Schofield end this year and they have agreed to run again. There is an unfilled position that ends in 2022. Presuming that Joe Morgan is elected vice president, that will open a Board position that ends in 2021. Brian Barrey and Dave Pritchard have agreed to run also, so we have a slate to fill all positions but president. There WILL be nominations accepted during the meeting. If you wish to serve as a leader, or nominate someone else to do so, please make a nomination at the meeting. If you wish to know just what the duties are for any position, please contact Chuck Godfrey at steelheader03@hotmail.com. We will take nominations first and then hold our vote – officers first, then Board positions.

Please notice we do NOT have anyone running for president, which is a two year term. This is hardly an ideal situation. If anyone wants to know what it entails, please read the following from last month’s newsletter:

“We have not had any luck so far finding someone to run for president, so, if we don’t have anyone step forward, we will be without a president, as I will not continue. As we’ve mentioned before, there is a misconception that this takes an awful lot of time. It really doesn’t. Most of what people see and read that I’m doing refers to roles that have nothing to do with the presidency. I plan on continuing all of those responsibilities, and Bob Bohner and I will be available to help in any way to assist a new president. Here is a list we’ve put together: Monthly Time Requirements of Presidency: In Hours All time estimates INCLUDE driving time. General Chapter Meeting: 2 ½ - 3 hrs. Preparation: Negligible. Since we have gone to present format, there really is no any prep time involved. Write president’s report for newsletter: less than ½ hour Board Meeting: Preparation: 1 ½ - 2 hrs. (Construct agenda for meeting.) Meeting: 2 ½ hrs. Weekly contact with Board members, committee chairs, etc.: Max. of 2 hrs. (still per month, not per week.) This works out to 8 1/2 – 10 hours per month, and even that is somewhat misleading on the high side. In July and August, when we don’t meet, there is just the 1 hour of keeping in touch with board members, etc. Also, our Page3 board members have always been good about meeting their responsibilities on their own, so the president does not have to spend additional time on other people’s jobs, as in many other organizations. Chuck and Bob are both able and willing to support

the new officers in the transition phase and beyond. Additionally, Chuck will keep up all his other responsibilities/commitments.”

Joe Morgan wishes to announce that there will be a Wiscoy Tree Planting - Volunteers meet at 9:00AM on October 31, 2020 at the Albro Rd. Bridge DEC parking area on Wiscoy Creek next to Wiscoy Farms in the Town of Pike. <https://goo.gl/maps/n4wp3acz8mEHbce6A> We've attached TU's Covid protocols and waiver for your information. All volunteers please read the attached Covid Tu Event Safety Protocol document before attending. We will have waiverson sight for your signature. Due to Covid restrictions no snacks or drinks will be provided. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own. Please contact Joe Morgan at joephmorgan@msn.com by 10/28/2020 if you plan to attend. The back up date for the planting will be November 7,2020 in the event of any delays or unforeseen circumstances. Due to TU policy, we will only be able to allow TU members to help with the planting. Thanks.

The entertainment/presentation for the evening will be a video explaining and highlighting “Project Healing Waters.” This is an incredible service project to help veterans. Although it has presently been put on hiatus because of the pandemic, we conduct 3 separate PHW programs in the area.

WE are still participating in Trout In The Classroom. We have 8 schools this year. On Fri. Oct. 23rd Chuck Godfrey picked up eggs from the Bath Hatchery and delivered them to Fred Hill Elem. Sch. in Brockport, Newfane HS, St. Mary's of Lancaster HS, Nichols Middle Sch., Riverside Inst. Of Technology (new this year) in Buffalo, Lackawanna MS, Randolph Academy in Hamburg, and Erie 2 BOCES in North Collins.. I picked the eggs up at 7:30 in Bath, and by the time I got to Newfane there were trout hatched and swimming in the thermoses. Amazing to see.

Finally, Bill Jedlicka has sent this along to inform you how to attend the meeting. Hope to see you all there. Stay safe and healthy.

“You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 27, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvfuigrD4vEtZpi8JfhLRb-wlOCodo1F48>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.”