

07-07-2009 T.U. MINUTES-MEMBERS MEETING – Gold Rush Chapter
Dahlonega, Georgia

The July meeting was held at Frog Hollow, Dahlonega, courtesy of Frog Hollow Fly Fishing & Kenny and John Simmons. President Deborah Scott conducted the meeting. Minutes from the May 2009 member's meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved by vote. The June 2009 member's meeting, also at Frog Hollow, was a social/picnic therefore no new/old business was discussed during that meeting.

A review of prior work on Amicalola Creek and upcoming work on Stover Creek was announced. Stover Creek workdays are planned for July 27th and Saturday, August 1st. It is anticipated that Saturday will be well attended with supporting members from other chapters participating. Fiscal year 2009 has netted approximately 2,000 volunteer hours. To satisfy the two year Stover Creek Back-the-Brookie grant, 113 hours are needed; Gold Rush Chapter will likely complete the grant work requirements on August 1st. Members will assemble at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant to carpool to the work site; an email notification will be made several days prior.

The two youth participants, sponsored by the Gold Rush Chapter for the 2009 Trout Camp, were in attendance. Nick and Ellie, both accompanied by their parents, provided a brief overview and description of their experiences at the week long trout camp. Nick had received awards for outstanding performance in casting, tying, & fishing etiquette exercises.

The Lumpkin County Middle School gave the chapter a letter of appreciation for the volunteer effort offered by Trout Unlimited and especially the Gold Rush Chapter.

The program for the evening was provided by member Kenny Simmons. Kenny, an outstanding professional photographer, offered a brief workshop on photographing your fish on the trout stream. Among other ideas designed to enhance the appearance of the fish, he offered recommendations on camera type, f-stop, camera angle, lens type, & lighting.

Members were encouraged to continue to purchase and sell raffle tickets for the donated Tom Landreth nature print. 250 tickets are printed and only about half have been distributed and/or sold. Tickets were made available to the members at the conclusion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned by President Deborah Scott