

09-01-2009 – T.U. MINUTES – MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Gold Rush Chapter,  
Dahlonega, Georgia

The monthly membership meeting was held at Camp Glisson, President Deborah Scott, presided. The minutes from the prior meeting were distributed and approved. The Treasurer, Gloria Patillo, announced that the Chapter has a balance of \$3,140. Pending expenses include: \$500 - The Nature Conservancy donation; \$100 to the U.S. Forestry Service; and \$200 for fly tying materials. This leaves a balance of approximately \$2,200. Gold Rush, Chapter T Shirts, will be purchased for sale at meetings/functions. \$100 will be expended for the purchase of a pile driver.

Elections for Gold Rush Chapter Officers were held for the following positions:  
Fred Ruppel, was elected President, after motion and second; the vote of the membership in attendance was unanimous.  
Sherman Head, was elected Vice President, after motion and second; the vote of the membership in attendance was unanimous.  
The position of Secretary was not filled; Gloria Pattillo will remain as Treasurer.

Deborah Scott & Marge Ruppel participated in a Health Fair for the Dawsonville Drug Rehabilitation program. They represented The Gold Rush Chapter and T.U. by providing information on T.U. and doing demonstrations. Bob King thanked the chapter for their support of the Drug program and requested that the chapter provide demonstrations and a fly fishing/tying related class in the future.

The Chapter awarded outgoing President Scott a fly tying vise in appreciation for her leadership for the past two years. Additionally, President Scott achieved 1,000 volunteer hours individually. While president, the chapter experienced a 30% growth rate in membership. Deborah also promoted and supported the area schools and colleges as well as conservation related organizations. During the past year the chapter completed 2,400 volunteer hours.

Jeff Fields, president of N.G.T.O., announced that they will be having their fall fling during November. A raffle will be held for a NuCanoe; only 300 tickets will be sold.

The annual fundraiser Picnic/cookout/barbecue will be held in October. All members are encouraged to attend. Members were reminded of the fly tying group which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the American Legion. A two page handout was provided which listed upcoming events in the area. No meeting will be held during October.

The program for September was provided by member Bill Hess. He presented a program about the Dawson Wildlife Management Area, the history of the tract, and the role of the Nature Conservancy in the purchase of some of the public lands.

The meeting was adjourned by President Scott. Minutes were prepared by Richard F. Trotter, Secretary, ID # 408509396, #733 Gold Rush Chapter, Trout Unlimited, [www.goldrushtu.org](http://www.goldrushtu.org)

