

## Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: Feb 5, 2026, 1 pm to 4 pm

Location: Stephan Banakas' House

1399 Moore Hill Rd

Hayesville, NC

Board Members in Attendance:

Howard Nutt

Bill Sturgeon

Stephan Banakas

Harold Hogan

Ron Wood

Michael Connor

Bruce Marchette

Item 1:

Harold stated that the College needed our room for a special event. Bruce proposed that we have our meeting at the Flying Trout Restaurant instead.

Those in favor of having the meeting: Howard and Michael

Those in favor of not having the meeting: Stephan, Harold, Ron and Bill

The motion did not pass so there will be no regular meeting in February

Item 2:

Stephan proposed that at some point in the future and if we do change our meeting place, we have meetings between 4 and 6 pm during the winter months (November – March) and between 5 and 7 pm during the summer months April -October).

Those in favor: Stephan, Bill, Ron, Howard & Michael

Those opposed: Harold

The motion passed

Item 3:

Stephan proposed that when we do decide to change venues, only the Board Members are charged with seeking out new meeting places

Those in favor: Stephan, Bill, Ron, Howard and Harold

Those opposed: Michael

Item 4:

There was a general consensus to authorize the President to form committees consisting of club members. Suggested committees included:

For Picnics

Hatchery

Finding Speakers

Item 5:

It was brought up that Harold made a motion during the December Regular Meeting to send new members to David Hulsey's Fishing School / Trout Camp. The cost per person was \$350. His motion passed. However, this was not mentioned in the December Minutes so the minutes should be amended.

Item 6:

It was brought up that the club, during the December Meeting, voted to donate \$500 to the North Georgia Technical College for the use of their meeting room for 2026. The motion passed. However, this was not mentioned in the December Minutes so the minutes should be amended.

Item 7:

Harold stated that members in the back of our meeting room talk amongst themselves during the meeting and make it hard for others to hear what is being said. He said that he was guilty of this as well. To remedy this, he said that cell phones should be turned off and people should not talk and pay attention during the meeting. Howard said he will try to control this if he remains vice present after our March election of officers.

Item 8:

Stephan stated that Board members will be nominating persons to be new officers at our March meeting.