

Minutes from the TCTU Quarterly Business Meeting  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
6500 Northshore Drive  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
Summer Meeting  
28 July 2007

Meeting called to order at 12:15 PM

Attendees:

*Appalachian:*

Steve Fry

*Cherokee:*

Bob Ross

Rick Hawk

*Cumberland:*

Dick Davis

*Clinch River:*

Steve Brown

*Great Smoky Mountain:*

Dan Pitts

George Lane

Rick Murphy

*Hiwassee:*

Don Denney

Jim Monfort

*Little River:*

Mark Spangler

Rufus

*Overmountain:*

Perry

*Delta:*

Dargie

Secretary's Report – Mark Spangler reported that previous meeting minutes was sent out through email. There were no changes.

*Treasurer's Report – George Lane*

The Treasurer's report was presented by George Lane.

The council has an approximate balance of \$3,300.00 in the bank.

The Treasurer's report was passed out and accepted by the Council.

*Delta Chapter –* A representative from the Memphis area Dargie was in attendance and a motion was passed by the council to go forward with creating a new TU chapter in the Memphis area called the Delta Chapter pending the submission of all the necessary forms to TU National. The chapter will be formed for members in Western Tennessee, Eastern Arkansas and Northern Mississippi. The first Chapter formation meeting will be held in Memphis on August 16, 2007 at Bass Pro Shop.

*Brook Trout Proposal -* George Lane explained that a previous proposal made by the Council to make available to Chapters \$2,000 – \$1,000 per Cherokee National region to fund a brook trout restoration project next year has not been qualified by any chapter.. Bob Ross mentioned that the Cherokee chapter would still be interested in doing a project with Cherokee National Forest to clear plant growth from banks of streams. He said he would get back with the Council.

*Nomination Linda Good -* Mark Spangler reported on the Nomination of Linda Good to receive the initial TU National award for the Youth Education Leadership for her work on the Back the Brookie Education DVD that will be rolled out to high schools this fall. Nomination letters were written by Mark Spangler – former BTB Chair, George Lane – Council Chair, Steve Moore – GSMNP Fisheries Steve Brown - NLC and Bob Savory – High School Educator at Bearden High School. We should know by August 15, 2007 if Linda receives the award.

A motion was made by Mark Spangler and approved by the Council to pay Linda Good's expenses to the National meeting if she receives the TU National award.

*Trustee's Report – Rick Murphy*

A copy of the quarterly report was passed out. Jack Williams TU's Chief Scientist reported to Congress in D.C. on the impact of global warming on cold water resources. A copy of his report was passed out. Stream access is also a key issue with grassroots volunteers in disagreement with Charles Galvin. Galvin feels that TU should not be involved with access rights. The board plans to go back and look at formulation a policy.

TU is planning to merge with the whirling disease foundation.

TU received a four star rating from Charity Navigator which rates how well non-profits spend money.

TU is also in the process of setting up a Home Rivers Initiative program in Central Virginia to restore native wild trout.

*Annual Support GSMNP Fisheries* – George Lane sent a letter to Dale Ditamanson Superintendent stating TU support of \$1,000 which will be matched with matching funds from the Park Service.

*Recharting Chapters* – Perry reported on re-charting TU chapters in the state of Tennessee every 4 years. Ranking of chapters is 1- Functioning well – 2 – Requires help 3- Dormant. Reasoning is due to our non-profit status want to make sure chapters operating properly. Overall out chapters are doing well.

*NLC Report Steve Brown* – Worked on improving the TU National web site especially on the area that involves TU leaders. Will now only have to logon only one time.

*Leadership Training Session* – Gary Berti Back the Brookie Eastern Coordinator has arranged for us to have a leadership training session on Paint Creek at the 4H Center in Greene County. The training will consist of how to implement an on stream project. An email will be sent out on all the details. The fall Council meeting will be held before the training session on October 13, 2007.

*Chapter Reports* –

*Hiwassee:*

The Chapter is currently working with First Cast Scouts Project. They graduated 7. Like the Jim Beam outfits (LL Bean) donated by TU National. They are making good progress with Trout in the classroom. The chapter got a big donation of equipment to get the program up and running. The program will be done at McMinn Central High School.

*Cumberland:*

In progress of organizing and getting approval for October Trout Fishing tournament. In progress of setting up a Casting for Recovery Program in Middle Tennessee... We have gotten final approval for issuance of TU license plate if we can pre-sell 1,000 plates by June 30, 2008. If there are any questions go to [www.tuplate.org](http://www.tuplate.org)

*Appalachian:*

Having monthly attendance around 22 people. Newsletter now only going out by email. No big fund raisers. Have about \$1,000 in the bank. Having their annual campout on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Cherokee National Forest at the group camp site on McNabb Creek.

*Clinch River:*

They had an excellent Kids fishing Day on the Clinch River. Attendance was around 135. There was a picture in the paper on the event. At the July meeting they looked for bugs and saw a lot on Coal Creek.

*Little River:*

The successful Trout Fest raised over \$46,000 dollars last 4 years for GSMNP Fisheries Department. A check will be present to the Park Service. Currently funding \$2,000 for a Park internship for fisheries. Currently work on the Lynn Camp Prong brook trout restoration project with GSMNP Fisheries.

*Overmountain:*

They are making excellent progress on Hampton Creek brook trout restoration project. A lot of work has been done on fencing and creating the new barriers on the stream.. The drop to prevent Rainbows from getting up stream is now 13 feet. Also they are setting up an alternative water source for cattle so cattle do not have to go directly into the stream. Cherokee Chapter is assisting and volunteering on the project.

*Cherokee:*

Recent success was stream improvement projects on Paint Creek. They are working with Overmountain Chapter on Hampton Creek project.. Fly tying classes has increased their membership.

*Great Smoky Mountain:*

They now have a new President named Marcus since spring 2006. Annual banquet is their big fund raiser. Their newsletter is being re-born on August 10, 2007. The chapter is also working on a youth outreach with Boy Scouts.

*Lawsuit Forest Service* – Steve Fry says TU is taking legal action against Forest Service. They have 60 days to respond. We still are having problems with four wheelers and over utilization of trails that are causing sediment problems in Tellico River. This problem has been going on since 1999. There are over 40 miles of trails in density of 15 miles. There is going to be a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the problem with the Forest Service.

*TU National Meeting* – Will be held in Boise Idaho in September. The Council will pay for George Lane to attend the meeting and Linda Good if she receives the National Youth Leadership award...

*New BTB Chair* – Dan Pitts Great Smoky Mountain Chapter has accepted the position of Back the Brookie Coordinator for the Tennessee Council. He was appointed by George Lane the Council Chair. He has a lot of good ideas and is looking forward to the new position.

*TU License Plate* – Presentation made by Dick Davis. The plate has been approved by Tennessee legislators. TU must sell 1,000 plates by June 30, 2008. 9 TU chapters have goal to presale 100 plates. TU will use phone and mail information to all TU chapter members in Tennessee. We will also get non TU members by outreach to fly shops with “mock up” specialty posters and use the website [www.tuplate.org](http://www.tuplate.org) and have local radio personality interviews, TV, newspaper article placement with press release to follow in sports / outdoor section of paper.

*Announcements/ Schedule Meetings*

The next council meeting will be in October 2007 at Leadership training at 4H Camp in Greenville, Greene County, TN on October 13, 2007. The Council Chair will get back with everyone on the exact details of the meeting.

Meeting completed at 3:00 PM