

Minutes from the TCTU Quarterly Business Meeting
St. Francis Episcopal Church
158 West Norris RD
Norris, TN 37828
Fall Meeting
1 November 2008

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm

Attendees:

Cumberland: Dick Davis

Clinch River: Steve Brown

Great Smoky Mountain: George Lane Rick Murphree Dan Pitts Ben Landers

Hiwassee: Don Denney

Little River: Jeff Hall Mark Spangler

Overmountain: Perry Rindfleisch

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed by George Lane and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented by George Lane. The council has an approximate balance of \$6,427.60 in the bank. The treasurer's report was distributed and approved as presented.

Possible Book Projects:

The meeting agenda called for reports on possible book projects by Tripp Dargie and Dan Pitts. Tripp Dargie did not attend.

Dan Pitts discussed the reprinting of a 1948 classic by the University of North Carolina Press, Hunting and Fishing in the Great Smokies by Jim Gasque. This was a project of the Great Smoky Mountains Chapter, and part of the proceeds from sales will go to Embrace-A-Stream Grants. The retail price is \$19, and it is suggested that chapters and councils can obtain copies for fundraising for about \$12. There is an article about the book in the fall issue of "Trout" magazine. The state council will buy a copy for each chapter and send it to the chapter president for review.

Rechartering:

The meeting agenda called for a report on rechartering by Steve Fry. Steve Fry did not attend, and a report was presented by George Lane. Steve Fry has sent out a questionnaire, and most replies have been received. We have planned to present results and recommendations at the spring council meeting, but the NLC has asked that we expedite our recommendations, and would be extremely happy if we could present our recommendations in time for the Feb. 6 Board of Trustees meeting. National requires each chapter to be rechartered every 4 years. There is supposed to be a review of each chapter's bylaws to make sure all conform to some suggested formats from National.

Trout Camp:

Jeff Hall reported on the feasibility of establishing a trout camp in Tennessee. Jeff attended the North Carolina camp, Rivercourse, in 2008. Three approaches have been identified, sponsor 1 or more attendees

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at Rivercourse, conduct a camp at the Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont, or work with TWRA to establish a Tennessee Camp at a property in Erwin. George Lane has suggested sponsoring attendees at

Rivercourse in 2009, and working toward a camp in 2010 at Tremont,. Dick Davis and Rick Murphree are appointed to further investigate the feasibility of the Erwin proposal, and review their findings at the January meeting.

License Plate Update:

Dick Davis reported on the progress of the Tennessee Trout Unlimited specialty plate. At the time of the meeting, 17 more plates were required, and it is expected that the 1000 total required will soon be achieved.

Tellico OHV:

George Lane reported on the status of the Off Highway Vehicle problem at Tellico. For years poor management of an OHV facility in North Carolina has resulted in excessive sedimentation in the Tellico and tributaries in that area. A lawsuit by 4 wheeler groups has been withdrawn. An environmental assessment is due from the North Carolina Forest Service, and George will forward information to us when it is received. When the info is received, we can help the cause by providing comments.

Strategic Plan:

The meeting agenda called for a report on strategic planning by John Thurmond. John did not attend, a report was presented by Steve Brown. National is pushing strategic planning, and a sample strategic plan for the Clinch River Chapter was circulated. Also distributed were 2 documents, "TU Chapter and Council Strategic Planning Resources and Template", and "Trout Unlimited Strategic Plan Framework".

Board of Trustees Report:

Rick Murphree reported on the Board of Trustees meeting, and discussed National's emphasis on Strategic planning.

National Leadership Council Report:

Steve Brown reported on the 2008 National TU Meeting in Minneapolis. The meeting agenda was distributed. Steve emphasized strategic planning, the 50th anniversary celebration, and working with media to improve the TU "brand".

Chapter Reports on Fundraising and Conservation Projects:

Great Smoky Mountain Chapter:

George Lane reported, GSM is embarking on a substantial fundraising campaign.

Overmountain Chapter:

Perry Reindfleisch reported, there is a piece about Hampton Creek improvements on their website, and they are working on handicapped access projects.

Little River Chapter:

Jeff Hall reported, LR is expanding the scope of its cleanup projects in Townsend, and has a really big Troutfest planned for the 3rd week in May. This will emphasize the 50 year anniversary of TU, and the 75 year anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Cumberland Chapter:

Dick Davis reported, the TU plate project is nearing completion, and a Casting for Recovery event is funded for March.

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Hiwassee Chapter:

Don Denney reported, the chapter is sponsoring a Trout In the Classroom project at a Boys and Girls Club in Vonore.

Clinch River Chapter:

Steve Brown reported, CR is working on a strategic plan.

Appalachian Chapter:

George Lane reported on Appalachian, which was not represented at the meeting. Steve Fry is working on finding officers to take the helm.

Announcements / Scheduled Meetings:

A motion was passed to switch the fall meeting to teleconferencing. Fall teleconferences will be the 1st Tuesday in October 7 pm central time, 8 eastern time. Council members will be notified of details before the events.

The spring Southeast Rally was discussed. Attendance has been poor at recent rallies, and many feel the programs need to be improved. A motion was passed for the Council to pay \$100 per chapter for registrations for the Southeast Rally as an incentive. Input was requested on the rally agenda, and can be directed to Geoge Lane. The Rally is typically held the last weekend in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.