

**Minutes from the
Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Quarterly Business Meeting
Westminster Presbyterian Church
6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37319
Winter Meeting February 6, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm

Attendees:

Appalachian:	Steve Fry			
Cherokee:	Bob Ross	Rick Hawk	Jay C. Ebbert	Randy Radford
Clinch River:	Steve Brown	John Thurman	Dick Geiger	Bill Guinn
Cumberland:	Dick Davis			
Delta:	Jack Betchick			
Great Smoky Mountain:	Lane Davis	George Lane		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	Jim Monfort	John Torchick	
Little River:	Rufus King			
Overmountain:	Bill Beazell	Dempsey Shell		

A quorum was established.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers Report was not available, we are waiting on an email.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the summer 2009 council meeting were circulated, reviewed, and approved as corrected.

Report on Bylaws Changes: Steve Brown, representative to the National Leadership Council, reported on proposed changes to the national bylaws, and plans to require that chapter and council bylaws be in conformance. A working copy of the TU National Bylaws amendments is posted on the documents page at www.tctu.org, along with a side by side comparison. Next meeting about this is March 8, so if anyone has comments, please get them to Steve before March 8.

Distribution of Rebates from National: George Lane, TN Council President, reported that the Council would shortly receive about \$5682 in membership rebates. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the entire amount to go to the council to support council operations and programs.

Update on TU License Plate: Dr. Dick Davis presented a report on the current status of TU Specialty Plate funds distribution from the state. Funds have not yet been distributed to the chapters, distribution is expected ???. A motion was made, seconded and approved to: 1-reaffirm distribution of plate funds as previously agreed upon, 2-accept the report recommendation regarding fund management, and 3- use 2 signatures on fund checks.

Southeast Rally: Rufus King reported on plans for the Southeast Rally this year. It will be delayed to coincide with Troutfest, May 14th through 16th. The Troutfest Banquet is Friday evening May 14th. The Rally will be May 13th through May 15th. The council business meeting will be Friday. A block of rooms is reserved at Valley View Motel for the Rally, \$55 per night for double occupancy. New TU National President Chris Wood is expected to attend, and Steve Moore of GSMNP will present a program on brook trout. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reserve \$300 for someone to represent us at a similar meeting in the mid south. It is requested that each chapter designate a member to serve on the Rally host committee.

State Trout Camp: John Thurman and Jack Betchick presented a feasibility report on establishing a State Trout Camp in Tennessee. A motion was made, seconded and passed for John and Jack to develop a final plan to be presented at the summer meeting. John Torchick volunteered to help with the effort.

Trout in Classroom: Lane Davis, TN TIC Coordinator, distributed a handout and presented a report on Trout in the Classroom. The handout detailed what TIC is, what is required, a basic timeline, current chapter programs, and resources available.

Relicensing of Pigeon River: George Lane has been asked to state the TCTU position with regard to relicensing of a hydroelectric plant on the Pigeon River in North Carolina. The Pigeon River flows into Tennessee. This was discussed, and it was decided that George would write a letter supporting continuing current requirements and enforcement efforts. This is not a coldwater fishery issue.

Review of Tellico OHV Developments: The NCFCS has closed OHV trails in the Tellico area. 4 wheeler groups are trying to raise money to fight this decision.

Reports of Individual Chapters:

Appalachian: Had a good Christmas party, working on attendance problems, the Tellico cleanup is March 13, the brook trout sampling is August 28.

Cherokee: Had a good bazaar, involved with rod building, fly tying, cleanups, adopted Richland Creek in Greenville, working on a project with NFS, kids fishing day is June 5.

Clinch River: Working with the Norris Recreational League, teaching flytying, doing cleanups and stream restorations, kids fishing day in June, working with Casting for Recovery.

Cumberland: Has a TIC program established, a new President, Paul Benny, and is working with scouts.

Delta: Has a new President, Jack Betchick.

Great Smoky Mountain: Looking at projects in Big South Fork, working on TIC and working with scouts.

Hiwassee: Continuing “newbie day” program, good banquet and fundraiser, First Cast is in 5th year, on hold pending more help from national, cleanup is March 20.

Little River: Troutfest fundraiser for Park May 14-16.

Overmountain: Meeting every other month with board members rotating as president doing 3 cleanups per year, working on guide registration, had best meeting with program by TCWN.

Other Business: The Secretary is to write a “thank you” letter to Diane Black for her excellent work in designing the TN TU50 pin.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.