

**Minutes from the
Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Quarterly Business Meeting
Valley View Lodge
7726 East Lamar Alexander Parkway
Townsend, TN 37882
Spring Meeting Friday May 14, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Attendees:

Appalachian: Steve Fry

Cherokee: Jay C. Ebbert Allen Robbins

Clinch River: Steve Brown (TNNLC) John Thurman Frances Oates Bill Guinn
Clayton Gist

Cumberland: Ben Lasater Joe Ellison

Delta: Jack Betchick

Great Smoky Mountain: George Lane Charlie Chmielewski Rick Murphree (BOT)

Hiwassee: Don Denney Jim Monfort

Little River:

Overmountain: Gary Barrigar

A quorum was established.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers Report was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the winter 2010 (2-6-2010) council meeting were circulated, reviewed, and approved as presented.

Rocky Face: Damon Hearne, TU Southeast Land Protection Coordinator, reported that another land purchase is needed to protect trout streams in the Rocky Face area. He urged members to contact their elected representatives regarding the matter, and stated that financial assistance is also needed from family foundations.

Bottle Bill: Bill Guinn made a presentation in support of this bill, which calls for a deposit on drink bottles, and made the following motion, which was approved:

“Be it resolved this day of May 14 2010, that the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited does endorse and support the proposed legislation called “Pride of Place”, commonly called the “Bottle Bill”. Further, the Council urges its various chapters and individual members to work for the adoption of this bill which may come before the next session of the state legislature. Further, the Council urges its various chapters and individual members to encourage other like minded conservation organizations, county governments, city administrations, and their respective state legislatorsto work for endorsement and support the passage of this legislation.”

The Bottle Bill Committee consists of Bill Quinn, Gary Barriger, and Clayton Gist.

Update on TU License Plate: At the end of the meeting, George Lane made the first distribution of proceeds from TU Specialty Plate sales. Forms were distributed for reporting the use of the funds, these are due back to the council 31 January 2011.

Southeast Rally: This year the rally was held in Townsend, TN the same weekend as the "Troutfest" event. This council meeting was held as part of the rally, and Little River Chapter was not represented because they were involved with Troutfest, their signature event. Each year Troutfest raises a substantial amount of money for brook trout restoration in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

State Trout Camp: John Thurman presented a report on the establishment of a Tennessee Trout Camp similar to those in other states. Having the event at the Great Smoky Mountain Institute (Tremont) was proposed as being the most effective use of financial and personnel resources. Other recommendations were \$450-500 per attendee, ages 12-15, 10-12 attendees the 1st year, and boy and girl attendees. There was some discussion regarding the details of equipping the attendees. The Council has \$2000 allocated to begin implementation of a camp, and a motion was made and approved for the committee to begin implementation. **The target date is June 19, 2011.**

Other Business: The next Council meeting is scheduled for the last Saturday in July. A nominating committee was appointed, Rick Murphree (chairman), Steve Brown, Gil Lackey, Tom Eustis, and Steve Fry. They will propose candidates for next year's officers at the summer meeting. Charters have been renewed for each chapter, and will be presented at the summer meeting per Steve Brown. In June 2011 the TU Board of Trustees will probably meet in Townsend per Rick Murphree.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.