

**Minutes from the
Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Quarterly Business Meeting
Westminster Presbyterian Church
6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37319
Summer Meeting 7-25-09**

Meeting called to order at 12:21 pm

Attendees:

Appalachian:	Greg Fairchild	Steve Fry		
Cherokee:	Bill Bennett	Bob Ross	Rick Hawk	Jay C. Ebbert
Clinch River:	Steve Brown	John Thurman		
Cumberland:	Dick Davis			
Delta:	no attendees			
Great Smoky Mountain:	Rick Murphree	George Lane		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	Jim Monfort	Michael Holden	Danny Phillips
Little River:	Steve Head	Rufus King		
Overmountain:	Bill Beazell	Ron Harrington		

A quorum was established.

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

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers Report current as of 7-23-09 was circulated, reviewed, and approved as presented.

50th Anniversary of TU: Rick Murpree presented the agenda for the 2009 National Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration. Rick has commissioned a watercolor of a Southern Appalachian Brook Trout by Cindy Day, the original to be presented to national, with prints to be sold at the National Meeting. Steve Brown has procured 50th Anniversary pins, 5 will be distributed to each chapter, additional pins may be purchased from Steve for \$3 each.

Southeast Conference: George Lane reported that the Southeast Rally has been invited to Townsend in 2010, to meet concurrently with the annual Troutfest event. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Valley View Motel. A motion passed for the council to provide up to \$200 to each chapter for attendees, as was done in 2009.

Review of Tellico OHV Developments: George Lane reported that the OHV area is expected to close around late August or early September. The success of this effort has important implications for national efforts to deal with OHV problems. Gary Williams will be managing a program to gather data to document the impact of closing the area on water quality in the Tellico watershed. He could use some volunteers.

Cooperative Projects with the Forest Service: Steve Fry reported that the annual brook trout restoration project is planned for the weekend of 29 August 2009.

Plans for 75th Anniversary of GSMNP: Rufus King reported that Little River's Troutfest had about 4500 vehicles this year, Some of the proceeds from this event support GSMNP.

Update on TU License Plate: Dick Davis reported that proceeds from specialty plate sales should be distributed to chapters some time this summer.

Trout in Classroom: George Lane reported that Dick Davis is the TIC chairman. Kingsport has a \$1000 donation from a local electric utility for a TIC program.

Discussion of Possibility of Sponsoring a State Trout Camp: George Lane reported that Tremont is available, but a program is not yet put together. An estimated \$5,000 to \$15,000 in donations will be needed to start a program for 15-30 attendees at \$500 to \$600 each registration fee. A chairman is needed.

Reports of Individual Chapters:

Appalachian: Steve Fry reports that the chapter has new leadership and is “looking forward”. They will participate in the Brook Trout Restoration project in August, along with other projects in the Tellico area, and are working a lot with scouts and churches.

Cherokee: Jay Hawk reported that the chapter held a free fishing day where about 300 rod & reel outfits were given away. They are maintaining a stream in Greeneville, and conducting flytying classes.

Clinch River: John Thurman reported that the chapter has developed a strategic plan and will focus on young people.

Cumberland: Dick Davis reported they are sponsoring a Casting for Recovery retreat with TV coverage, and are starting a Trout in the Classroom project at University School in Nashville.

Delta: It was reported that meetings have been suspended, there is a lot of competition from Midsouth Flyfishers.

Great Smoky Mountain: George Lane reported that Dan Pitts is the new president, they are moving their meeting place, and help Little River with acid deposition monitoring.

Hiwassee: Jim Monfort reported this year the chapter had 8 First Cast graduates, 2 Trout in Classroom programs and working on 1 or 2 more, a BSA Merit Badge program that is in its 8th year, and assisted with an event with Mideast wounded veterans. Our Wounded Warrior Battalion contact at Fort Campbell is SFC Ronnie Guillon. Sergeant Guillon tells us they are barred from doing any solicitation, but if we want to take a Wounded Warrior fishing we can contact him to work out arrangements at:

31-561-9626 or Ronald.guillon@us.army.mil

Warrior Transition Battalion, 6729 Desert Storm Ave., Fort Campbell, KY 42223

Little River: Rufus King reported a very successful Troutfest, focusing on youth, supporting the Park, involved in cleanups, and finances are in good shape.

Overmountain: It was reported that the chapter will lose Perry Rindfleisch as president in September. They are meeting every other month, and have the Holston cleanup coming up.

Other Business:

-Steve Brown, Dick Davis, and Jay Ebbert were appointed to a committee to review TVA’s new “Integrated Resource Plan” for possible adverse impacts on coldwater fisheries.

-The Fall TCTU Meeting will be held by teleconference in October, details to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.