

**Minutes from the  
Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Quarterly Business Meeting  
Valley View Lodge  
7726 East Lamar Alexander Parkway  
Townsend, TN 37882  
Summer Meeting Saturday July 31, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Appalachian:	Steve Fry	Jim Herrig		
Cherokee:	Rick Hawk	Bill Bennett	Bill Durst	
Clinch River:	Steve Brown (TNNLC)	John Thurman	Frances Oates	Bill Guinn
	Dick Geiger			
Cumberland:	Dick Davis			
Delta:	no attendees			
Great Smoky Mountain:	George Lane			
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	John Torchick		
Little River:	Rufus King			
Overmountain:	no attendees			

A quorum was established.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurers Report was approved as presented. A copy is attached.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the spring 2010 (5-14-2010) council meeting were circulated, reviewed, and approved as amended.

**Update on TU License Plate:** Dr. Dick Davis reported that \$14,500 of the plate proceeds for the first year have been distributed to chapters. The plan is to distribute the remaining \$3000 from the first year, hopefully by the end of the year. Then the next distribution will first pay back Cumberland Chapter for its investment in this project, with proceeds after that going to the Council to be distributed as grants. Chapters may apply for grants for conservation, including educational projects. We have to sell 1,000 per year to keep the plate in production.

**Southeast Rally:** George Lane reported that the Southeast Rally was well attended, a lot of positive comments were received from out-of-state attendees, and the Rally will probably be held in Townsend again next year, in conjunction with Troutfest.

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Steve Brown reported that the nominating committee could not present a report at this time. The following motion was made and approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nomination Committee submit a list of nominees for Council Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and NLC Representative to the TN TU Council on or before August 31st and that on or before September 9th the Council meet via conference call and elect Council officers and NLC Representative for the 2010-2011 fiscal years.

**Bottle Bill:** Bill Guinn reported that the bottle bill is still being worked on. Some concerns of Alcoa Aluminum are being addressed. Chapters and members are encouraged to work for the adoption of this bill.

**State Trout Camp:** John Thurman proposed that our first Trout Camp in 2011 be held at the Great Smokey Mountain Institute in Tremont, with GMSI providing most of the services. TU would have to provide volunteers for instruction and activities, and financial support and nominations for attendees. John will be contacting chapters to solicit commitments. Chris Wood has committed National to supply tackle to be given to participants on completion of the program.

**Trout in the Classroom:** Lane Davis has changed employment and cannot continue as our Trout in the Classroom Coordinator, so we are seeking a replacement.

**Canton Paper Mill Relicensing:** George Lane attended a hearing regarding this relicensing, and urged that they continue to tighten pollution standards to result in improved water quality.

**TU Conservation Easement Reporting:** National is requesting that Councils and Chapters report any conservation easements that they have, and forms were distributed for that purpose.

**Tellico OHV Status:** George Lane has reported that OHV advocates have filed a lawsuit against the NC Forest Service regarding the closing of the OHV area at Tellico.

**Rocky Fork Purchase:** John Thurman moved that the council donate \$1,000 toward the purchase of the Rocky Fork tract in northeast Tennessee for conservation. The motion was approved.

**Nomination of Steve Moore as Conservation Professional of the Year:** By common consent the Council, in conjunction with the North Carolina Council, will nominate Steve Moore for the Conservation Professional of the Year at the TU National Annual Meeting in September for his work with Brook Trout restoration.

**Proposed Brook Trout project in Tellico:** Jim Herring provided info on a Forest Service project to introduce southern strain brookies into additional streams in the Tellico watershed. Part of this would involve restarting the hatchery facility at Pheasant Fields. George Lane will draft a letter to the Forest Service supporting this project.

**Review of status of chapters:**

**Appalachian:** Steve Fry reported that attendance was down, flycasting instruction is being offered, a river cleanup was done, and the Tellico brookie sampling will be Aug 28, 2010.

**Cherokee:** Rick Hawk reported that they have completed daylighting one branch and are looking at doing another. They are working with project healing waters, providing instruction in flytying and fishing, and built a drift boat from a kit! They conducted their 21<sup>st</sup> kids fishing day, with 232 attending.

**Clinch:** Frances Oates reported that the chapter conducted a kids fishing day, a bank stabilization project, 2 TIC programs, and a tire cleanup.

**Cumberland:** George Lane reported that the chapter is currently experiencing some difficulties, he will meet with the board later this year.

**Delta:** no attendees

**Great Smoky Mountain:** Attendance at the last 3 meetings has been 20-40, they will have a change in leadership this fall, and are looking at projects at Tellico and with the scouts.

**Hiwassee:** John Torchick reported that the chapter participated in river cleanups, a kids fishing derby, first cast program, 3 TIC programs, and is continuing monthly newbie days.

**Little River:** Rufus King reported that the Troutfest was very successful, raising about \$45,000 for GSMNP. The money will support, amongst other things, brookie restoration and 3 interns.

**Overmountain:** no attendees

**Other Business:** No date was set for the next Council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

020510	Midwinter Meeting		\$ 127.33	\$ 8,015.01
	Rebate	\$ 5,682.00		\$ 13,697.01
	Cherokee NF Upper area		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 12,697.01
	GSMNP		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 11,697.01
	Summer Meeting		\$ 247.07	\$ 11,449.94
	SE Meeting Lodging		\$ 1,141.68	\$ 10,308.26
	Registration		\$ 250.00	\$ 10,058.26
	Reditalk		\$ 76.79	\$ 9,981.47
	Chair travel Expenses		\$ 243.00	\$ 9,738.47
	Registration National Meeting		\$ 300.00	\$ 9,438.47
	Note \$2,000 approved for TU Camp			
	New Board need to develop budget for 2010 rebate			
	Recommend Board maintain a \$2,000 balance for unexpected needs			
	Recommend approval of \$1,000 contribution to RockyFord acquisition			