

Minutes from the TCTU Quarterly Business Meeting  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
6500 Northshore Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37319  
Winter Meeting  
31 January 2009

Meeting called to order at 12:33 pm

**Attendees:**

Appalachian:	Steve Fry			
Cumberland:	Dick Davis			
Clinch River:	Steve Brown	Frances Oates	John Thurman	
Delta:	Tripp Dargie	Chris Morse		
Great Smoky Mountain:	George Lane	Rick Murphree		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	Danny Phillips	Jim Monfort	Fred Wicht
	Charlie Mannen	Mike Holden		
Little River:	Rufus King	Mark Spangler		
Overmountain:	Perry Rindfleisch		Bill Beazell	

A quorum was established.

**Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the Fall 2008 meeting were distributed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

George Lane distributed a treasurer's report which was approved. The current balance was approximately \$11,607.65 .

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TU:**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trout Unlimited, and that will be the theme of the annual meeting August 18-22, 2009, at Traverse City, Michigan. Information about the meeting was distributed, and more is available at [www.tu50.org](http://www.tu50.org) . A motion passed for the council to pay up to \$200 per chapter to send delegates to the national convention.

**Southeast Regional Rally:**

The Southeast Regional Rally will be May 1-3, 2009, at Hungry Mother State Park, Virginia. A proposed schedule was distributed, and a motion passed for the council to pay \$105 for each of two members per chapter to attend the rally. The rally would also include the Spring 2009 Council Meeting.

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Review of Tellico OHV developments:

George Lane reported that the law suite threatened by the 4 wheelers was not filed. Steve Fry pointed out that a monitoring program to document improvement in sedimentation would be desirable.

Cooperative projects with the Forest Service:

Previously the council approved the expenditure of \$1000 for each of the 2 regions of the Cherokee National Forest for cooperative projects. The money for the Northern Region has not been spent, a project is needed.

Plans for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary GSMNP:

A motion passed to nominate Steve Moore as the Fisheries Professional of the Year at the TU National Convention, and to donate an additional \$1000 to the park in addition to our usual donation, to be used as designated by Steve Moore. The Little River Chapter will make the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the theme of Troutfest this year.

Update on TU License Plate:

Dick Davis reported that we should start getting plates in March, and that the proceeds from the initial sales would not be available to us until July or so. A motion passed regarding the distribution of funds, the original plan for initial distribution was modified to allow the Cumberland chapter to recoup its large outflow of conservation money to make the plate successful. The details of the distribution plan and a cd listing the initial purchasers were distributed to chapter presidents.

Project Healing Waters:

Tripp Dargie of Delta Chapter summarized their Project Healing Waters events. Don Denney made available contact information for the Tennessee Valley Region Coordinator for Project Healing Waters:

Benjamin L. Benoit III  
277 Clovernook Drive  
Nashville, TN 37210  
615-347-9494  
[Ben@phwtv.org](mailto:Ben@phwtv.org)

Tennessee Wildlife Federation:

Tom Scott of TWF presented information about the activities of TWF and invited the Council and chapters to join. Perry Rindfleisch pointed out that the upcoming Sportsmans Day on the Hill in Nashville (March 17, 2009) was a good opportunity to present concerns to our state legislators.

Tennessee River Guide Book:

Tripp Dargie and Chris Morse presented details on a book project designed to create an income stream to support council and chapter activities. The Tennessee Rivers Guidebook would be patterned after a book published on Arkansas fisheries. Each chapter would be invited to provide information on a river, and invited to participate in funding the initial outlay to publish, about \$4000 per chapter if equally shared. A handout detailing the financial details was distributed.

Smoky Mountain Book:

Rick Murphree discussed the current status of Hunting and Fishing in the Great Smokies, a book project discussed in the Fall minutes.

State Trout Camp:

Rick Hall chaired the initial committee to investigate the feasibility of a Trout Camp for Youth in Tennessee, but is unable to serve as Chair in the future. A new committee was appointed to further investigate and present a recommendation at the summer meeting. The new committee consists of Jeff Hall, John Thurman, Danny Phillips, and Dick Davis.

Chapter Reports:

Appalachian:

Steve Fry reported that leadership issues have been resolved, a Tellico Cleanup is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, and the brook trout sampling is scheduled for the last weekend in August.

Cumberland:

Dick Davis reported that the chapter has a Casting for Recovery event planned for May, and is starting a Trout in the Classroom project in Nashville.

Clinch River:

Steve Brown reported that Clinch River Chapter completed their strategic plan in Sept. 2008, and will be revising it annually in August.

Delta:

Tripp Dargie reported that more PHW activities are planned, and they have launched a tv program called "Trout on the Rise".

Great Smoky Mountain:

George Lane reported that the chapter is soliciting UT students as members, and will assist Little River Chapter with Troutfest.

Hiwassee:

Jim Monfort reported that the chapter is continuing First Cast, Trout in the Classroom, and Boy Scout Merit Badge programs, and is having success with a monthly "Newbie Day", teaching flyfishing skills and introducing people to flyfishing and our river. This is generating new members.

Overmountain:

Perry Rindfleish reported that the chapter is working on "East Tennessee anti-litter initiative" signs.

Election of Council Treasurer:

Rick Murphree is serving as Nominating Committee Chair, and nominated Dan Pitts as Treasurer, and Dan Pitts was elected Treasurer.

Report on Rechartering:

Steve Fry presented a report on chapter rechartering. All chapters in the Tennessee Council met essential criteria, and he recommended that all chapters be rechartered.

Board of Trustees Report:

Rick Murphree reported that even with the current state of the economy, TU National is financially sound and able to conduct its mission.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.