



Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of Coldwater Meeting and Winter Council Meeting Feb. 8, 2020, at Twin Creeks Science Center, GSMNP, Gatlinburg, TN

[List of those participating attached at end.]

Coldwater Meeting (27 in attendance):

Tennessee Council Chair Frances Oates opened the annual Coldwater meeting at 9:13 by welcoming attendees and asking each to introduce himself.

Matt Kulp (Great Smoky Mountains National Park chief fisheries biologist) opened the presentations with a welcome to and a description of the Twin Creeks facility. He then presented an update on fish and water quality in the GSMNP.

Jim Habera (TWRA Region IV biologist) reported on brook trout reproduction and restoration efforts. He gave an overview of catch rate reports for East Tennessee tailwaters. TWRA continues to test for whirling disease, and he asked fishermen to send possible infected fish frozen to his office.

Travis Scott (TWRA Region III biologist) reported on monitoring on the Caney Fork, where there are frequent problems with dissolved oxygen. A working group including Music City TU is meeting with the Corps of Engineers to try to improve the problem.

Dennis Baxter (TVA biologist) gave an introduction to aquatic community assessment in six TVA tailwaters.

Winter Council Meeting (18 in attendance):

After lunch, Frances Oates called the council meeting to order at 12:59.

Tony Gregg moved acceptance of the minutes from the fall council meeting. Steve Young seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

Mark Spangler gave the treasurer's report. There has been a rise in TN TU membership to 2,759. The operating account is currently about \$12,000 and the license plate grant fund has about \$59,000; license plate distributions from Tennessee were about \$84,000 for the last four quarters. The complete report and next year's budget are attached to these minutes. Mark noted that six chapters need to send \$250 each for the SE coordinator; the IRS report for this fiscal year is

being handled by TU national; and Annual Financial Reports from each chapter and the council are due by May 15. Steve Brown moved acceptance of the treasurer's report, Steve Young seconded the motion, and the report was accepted unanimously. The budget will be voted on at the spring council meeting.

The SE Rendezvous will be held April 3-5 at Kanuga Lake Resort in Hendersonville, NC. Each chapter can receive \$200 to help defray the costs of two or more chapter members that attend.

Mark Spangler has been nominated to be the next Tennessee representative to the National Leadership Council, and Bill Fuson nominated to replace Mark as council treasurer. Tony Gregg moved election by acclamation, Steve Fry seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Both will take office at the spring council meeting.

Lori Paris has stepped down as TIC coordinator, and Mike Givney will take her place. Frances recommended that a bank account be set up for TIC funding, and asked Mike to describe his plans for the TIC program.

Mike reported that Overmountain chapter has 13 TIC sites, impacting 432 students, plus teachers and parents, and that the program gets people involved in TU that would not otherwise. He proposes to get the TN Council to be a data repository. He wants to survey all TN chapters about their TIC involvement, and to enhance chapter to chapter communications so that chapters help other chapters. He plans to offer workshops for teachers; he has looked at Tennessee educational standards to see what TIC programs can cover, and has determined that weekend TIC workshops can get professional development credit. In addition, he would like to offer the current Overmountain high school science program, which has been a great success, to other chapters. One problem he sees is the funding cycle for the license plate grants.

Frances suggested that we could change the grant funding deadline to make it more timely for the TIC funding cycle. Steve Young said that such a change would be hard on the TN Trout Adventure Camp funding cycle. A long discussion on grant deadlines resulted in a compromise: Steve Young moved that the council make a special bridge allocation for TIC to fund the program through the summer. Mark Spangler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mike will survey the chapters to help him make the funding request at the spring council meeting, and will hereafter submit funding requests on schedule, allowing for some contingency funding in each grant request.

There were no NLC updates.

Chapter reports:

- Little River: a new winter stocking program within the town of Maryville; Little River cleanup May 2.
- Appalachian and Hiwassee: chapters will participate in an event in Chattanooga in support of TWRA.
- Appalachian: Tellico River cleanup March 14 starting at 8 a.m. - meet at Ranger station; training event for Stream Girls March 7.
- Hiwassee: Hiwassee River cleanup March 28 at 9 a.m.
- Clinch River: fly tying class, PHWFF fly tying and rod building classes and numerous fishing outings, Casting for Recovery, Kids Fish Free Day, Big Clinch cleanup July 11.
- Overmountain: chili cookoff, Ron Brazille cleanup, support for Milligan College Five Rivers program, Thirsty Orange Beer Festival April 1.

Steve Young reported on the status of the Trout Camp. So far there are 13 applicants, including 3 girls; a female volunteer chaperon to stay at Tremont is needed. Each chapter may nominate at least one camper candidate, and chapter nominees will go to the head of the line. Camp will be June 15-20.

Steve Brown tendered his resignation as NLC representative, allowing Mark Spangler to begin immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Brown, substitute secretary

Attached:

- * Treasurer's report
- * Proposed budget
- * List of those in attendance

Treasurer's Report (02/08/2020) – Mark Spangler

1. Starting new fiscal year - April 1, 2020 - 2,759 members
 - Music City – 804 – 29%
 - Appalachian – 661 – 24%
 - Smoky Mtn – 398 – 14%
 - Overmtn - 341 – 12%
 - Little River – 262 – 10%
 - Clinch – 169 – 6%
 - Hiwassee – 81 – 3%
 - Cherokee – 76 – 3%
2. Chapter Contribution SE Coordinator (Jeff Wright) \$250 - Due 4/1/2020
3. TU National Financial Reporting 18 months Due 5/15/2020
4. IRS Reporting – 6 month period – TU National will file for your chapter
5. SE Rally April 3,5- Kanuga Lake Resort- Hendersonville, NC
 - a. TU Council Reimburse 2 per chapter X \$200.00 = \$400.00
6. National Meeting - Bangor, Maine August 19 – 23
7. TIC (New Grant) \$10,000 - Chapter checks available
8. TIC – Start inventory assets – Serial # attached – Update spreadsheet.
9. New Treasurer Starts – 4/1/2020 – Bill Fuson

Proposed Budget – Tennessee Council

(April 1, 2020 – March 30, 2021)

Income:

TU National Dues Refund	\$5,500
NLC Meeting - TU National Reimb	\$1,000
Donations	\$500
TU Chapters(6): Payment for SER Coordinator	\$1,500
Total Income	\$8,500

Expenses:

Travel (National, South East Regional)	\$4,000
Travel - NLC National Meeting	\$1,000
TU SER Coordinator Contribution TN	\$2,000
Insurance – Accident	\$155
Annual TN State Renewal Non-Profit – Fee	\$125
Admin/Awards/Web Site/Stamps	\$450
Food/Beverage - Quarterly Meetings	\$770
Total Expenses	\$8,500

Current Bank Balances:

License Plate Account (Regions Bank)	
02/06/2020	\$59,509.81
Operating Account (First TN Bank)	
02/06/2020	\$12,812.37

Last 4 – TN State Deposits

2/05/2020	\$18,629.25
10/28/2019	\$23,219.25
9/11/2019	\$24,923.30
5/08/2019	\$17,234.20
YR TOTAL	\$84,006.00

Goals: Maintain \$500 License Plate
Maintain \$7,000 in Operating

Participants in Coldwater/Council Meeting, Gatlinburg, 2/8/20

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