



# Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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**Minutes of Executive Committee conference call held June 6, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESIDING: Dick Geiger, Chair (CR)**

**TOTAL NUMBER PRESENT: 8**

**COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT** (Home Chapter in parentheses)

Mike Bryant, Vice Chair (LR)	yes	Mark Spangler, Treasurer (LR)	yes
Linda Good, Secretary (OM)	yes	Frances Oates, Communications (CR)	no
Steve Brown, NLC Rep. (CR)	yes		

**Committee Chairs Present:** Steve Fry (Appalachian), Conservation  
Lori Paris (Cherokee), TIC  
John Reinhardt (GSM), Five Rivers

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Deadline of June 9 for nominating a Vice Chair.** According to the Bylaws, a full slate of officers is to be placed to the membership a month prior to the July Council meeting, so that members can also nominate. Mike Bryant and Dick Geiger will be meeting with Sherrell Green, GSM Chapter on Wednesday morning (6/8) to discuss the possibility of Sherrell becoming the Vice Chair. No back-up nominations were brought forward. It was decided that if Sherrell does not accept the challenge, the position will be left open and determined at a later date.
- (2) Budget preparation 2016 – 2017.** A proposed budget as discussed appears at the end of this document.
- (3) 2017 SE Regional Meeting. To host or not to host?** Discussion was held culminating in unanimous approval to host the SE Regional meeting in the Knoxville/Townsend area. Linda Good voiced the only hesitation toward whether this activity is in line with TU goals. John Reinhardt brought forward positive elements such as: (1) Low attendance for previous regional meetings (Asheville and Roanoke) was due to their being held in non-destination locations which were farther for many southeastern TU members to travel. In contrast, the Knoxville/Townsend area is valued as vacation destination and is more centrally located in the southeast. (2) Fishing for both as a pre-meeting activity was 1-2 hours away. If held in the Knoxville/Townsend area, the pre-meeting fishing can be closer in GSMNP and the Clinch Tailwater. (3) The previous meetings have been held in a “corporate meeting” format and we can change the agenda and target audience to incent a more diverse audience. It was determined that Mike Bryant and John Reinhardt will co-chair the event once Dick Geiger gains assurance from National that the Council will “own” the agenda, which will be

changed, and that the target audience will include youth and women. John added that with four fly shops in the area, sponsorship for some of the meal costs could be covered. Steve Brown suggested that we create a conference around converting members to move toward taking leadership positions that focus on the TU goals.

- (4) 2016- 2017 Council Calendar—primarily meeting dates.** Mike Bryant will bring forward three dates including the fall meeting date (probably in November). Dick Geiger asked Mike to be sure the 2017 Coldwater meeting date is set as far in advance as possible so that the participating agencies can add it to their schedules and have sufficient time for presentation preparation.
- (5) Miscellaneous.** Steve Brown and Mark Spangler complimented Steve Fry on the Conservation Grant forms that were distributed. Discussion included whether a Five Rivers participant/leader can attend the July 9 Council meeting.

#### ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
Sherrell Green, Vice Chair request	Dick Geiger & Mike Bryant	06/08/16
If VC is accepted, note to be sent to membership announcing officer selection at June 9 meeting	Linda Good with Frances Oates	06/10/16
Initiate Delta Chapter TIC effort	Steve Fry with Lori Paris	
Follow up with Delta Chapter President to determine feedback from Memphis meeting.	Dick Geiger	06/30/16
Conversation with National for “ownership” of the 2017 Regional Meeting agenda and target audience.	Dick Geiger	06/30/16
Establish Council Meeting Calendar for remaining 2016 and all of 2017 including Coldwater meeting.	Mike Bryant	
Five Rivers leader at July 9 Council meeting	John Reinhardt	
Communicate with Cumberland VP, Mike Dow concerning the July meeting	Mike Bryant	
*Move \$300 from 2015 – 2016 Financials into Conservation Fund	Mark Spangler	06/30/16

\*This post-meeting action item was added by Dick Geiger in order to ensure monies that were raised at the Little River Trading Company’s Pint for a Purpose for Trout Camp are transferred from the operating account to the Conservation fund.

**PROPOSED 2016 – 2017 COUNCIL BUDGET**

<b>Recurring Operating Expenses</b>			
National meeting	Participants' travel	3000.00	
Southeast Regional Meeting Travel	Subsidies: \$200 per chapter=\$1,600 +\$400 for council	2000.00	
Council meetings—hosting Chapters		600.00	
Council meetings—Chapter member travel		3200.00	
Chairman travel	Visit chapters	500.00	
Liability insurance		110.00	
Administration	Office, stamps, website hosting/domain cost	250.00	
<b>Total recurring</b>			<b>9660.00</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Training event		1000.00	
License Plate Promo		1000.00	
Chapter development		750.00	
2016 SE Regional Meeting		500.00	
<b>Total other expenses</b>			<b>3250.000</b>
<b>Total budget</b>			<b>12910.00</b>