



Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of TN Council August 17, 2019 Summer Meeting hosted by Little River Chapter at Little River Outfitters, Townsend, TN

Presiding: Frances Oates, Chair (CR)

TOTAL NUMBER PRESENT: 22

COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT (Home Chapter in parentheses)

Frances Oates, Chair (CR)	Y	Mark Spangler, Treasurer (LR)	Y
Steve Brown, NLC Rep. (CR)	N	Jim Herrig, Outgoing Secretary (AP)	Y
Mike Bryant, Past Pres. (CR)	N	Lori Givney, Incoming Secretary (OM)	Y
Tony Gregg, Vice Chair (CR)	Y		

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT (Home Chapters in parentheses)

Frances Oates, Communications (CR)	Y	John Reinhardt, Youth (GMS)	N
Lori Paris, Trout in the Classroom (CH)	Y	Steve Young, Trout Camp (LR)	Y
Steve Fry, Conservation (AP)	Y		

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED (Other than Council Officers)

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GUESTS:

TU National	Jeff Wright Andy Brown	jeff.wright@tu.org andy.brown@tu.org
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

The council meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Frances Oates, Council Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Frances asked all present to introduce themselves.

Approval of the May 18, 2019 (Spring Meeting) minutes were moved by Tony Gregg and seconded by Ernie Frey. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: Jim Herrig was recognized for his service as Council Secretary and presented with an inscribed flybox complete with flies tied by several friends among the council.

NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY: Lori Givney was nominated to replace Jim Herrig as council secretary and will fulfill the remainder of Jim's existing term and continue to serve through the upcoming election cycle. Nomination moved by Ernie Frey and seconded by Dick Geiger. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Andy Brown of TU Southern Appalachian Stream Restoration manager presented to council on Wolf Creek Aquatic Organism Project, Cherokee National Forest.

Partnering with Ali Reddington of Cherokee National Forest and Marcia Carter of National Forest Service. French Broad River, Cocke Co. watershed action plan for ecological uplift.

Project focus to remove barriers and deal with sedimentation resulting from problems with 2 culverts, to allow for better genetic diversity of brook trout.

Cherokee Chapter has applied for \$10,000 License Plate Grant to assist.

Total project \$432,000 to put in 2 bottomless arch culverts to replace existing. FS \$130,000, Nature Conservancy Partner \$50,000, \$125,000 is in-kind service.

Needs to be fully funded to begin (possible 2nd grant next year?)

Timeline: Summer 2020 start with ~ 2.5 months to complete.

Questions: TU volunteer needs? Some but not high need

Urban restoration who could provide funding? Some options available but not through this project, TWRA partnering w/ Little River in Maryville for storm water conveyance. TDEC contact suggestion

Jeff Wright of TU Southeast Volunteer Coordinator, presented to council on STREAM Girls Girl Scout Program

Aligns with council's new strategic plan regarding Youth & Diversity Initiative, education focused.

Manual already written. TU at state level provides volunteers & equipment (grant request submitted for rods, waders, training, storage area rental for equipment - council is the sponsor)

2 events/yr: Chattanooga (w. TN Aquarium Conservation Institute, TNACI) and Norris (Girl Scout - existing Tanasi summer camp has offered to host)

TU would do background checks for volunteers, Scout Leaders manage girls
Volunteers needed from Appalachian & Hiwassee Chapters, recruit coordinator.
If funded, winter training for volunteers to prepare for mid-spring Chattanooga camp.

STREAM Girls Committee Volunteers: Scott Newland, Steve Young, Dick Geiger (remainder sought from chapters statewide)

Questions: concerns of sustainability discussed

volunteers recruited statewide, formal training once then implement train the trainer for subsequent, need for 10-15 volunteers/event

discussion of email vote for grant apps over \$10,000

Motion that Chapter President and 2nd Representative designee from each chapter be implemented for email vote moved by Ernie Frey, seconded by Tony Gregg. Motion approved.

TREASURER REPORTS:

Mark Spangler, presented financial information regarding annual meeting expense (see attached). Noted new bank account, due to fraud issue that was discussed at Spring mtg.

Operating Budget ~\$11,000

License Plate (Conservation) Fund ~\$100,000

SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL, Frances Oates & Mark Spangler

Similar program implemented by Pisgah Chapter, NC

Lots of legal requirements/regulations to be considered to implement at state level

Need to establish Committee with financial/legal expertise

Jeff Wright, advised that TU National strongly suggests we stay at arm's length when granting scholarships.

Points made during discussion regarding establishing base fund to allow fund to increase/sustain.

Decision to establish Investment Account Committee: Blake Parsons, Mark Spangler, Steve Fry, and another member with legal or financial expertise. Ernie Frey will invite a qualified Little River Chapter member to join.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Appalachian, Steve Fry: 21 at recent mtg, fisheries focus, stream surveying coming up on 24th at Citico watershed, trying to identify sites for southern strain brook trout. Doing FT3 film tour on Nov 8th, IF4 in Spring at brewery.

- Cherokee, Lori Paris:** TIC hasn't expanded in their area, TIC is expanding outside chapter with about 50 programs statewide. Scott Newland interested in adding Greeneville. Chapter is doing free fly tying once/week
- Clinch River, Tony Gregg:** Women on the Water coming up Sept 14. Recent river cleanup 82 bags of trash, 38 tires. Met w/ reservoir user groups to discuss trash, invasive species (zebra mussels) - focus on building relationships with similarly focused groups. Had presentation to membership regarding TU Youth program
- Great Smoky Mountains:** No report
- Hiwassee:** doing well, growing. Initiatives to get more involved, partnering some w/ App chapter. Fly fishing 101 & 201 classes on Saturdays with increasing attendance (give free membership after doing 101 & 201) Moved mtgs to Sat, meet at fly shop @ 1:00 after morning fishing (attendance up from 3 to 20+) TIC - new schools, people donating tanks. Doing Stream of the Month, FB & IG fishing trip meet up on Sat
- Little River, Ernie Frey:** still working on Pistol Creek w/ TWRA to stock, new TIC school. Partnership w/ Maryville College STEM program to partner w/ TIC classrooms, developed Fishing Buddies program, call to members to take others out, positive response to Fly Casting Class offering in fall thru parks and rec, working on tying program
- Music City, Blake Parsons:** doing quarterly mtgs, lots of coordination w/ TWRA and Army Corps, Aug 24th cleanup in Harpeth partnering w/ Sweet Water Brewing. Progress w/ land owners, took reports from Cumberland to put official request to Army Corps for minimal flow to be submitted about end of August, with target to have in place by May 2020. Event programming is progressing..
- Overmountain:** did Brook Trout release in Stony Creek w/ TNACI, June Women's Clinic has resulted in increased women attendance @ meetings (participants given membership and matched w/ mentors), 3 new TIC classroom (2 HS, 1 Elem). Getting HS students involved in citizen science projects (all TIC teachers given memberships), Aug mtg presenter will be Jim Habera, TWRA. Established Communications Committee to streamline communications, upcoming events Suds N' Bugs, Pint Nights, #cleanmywaters campaign. Chapter selected for LL Bean Rob grant, Chris Wood, TU CEO to speak at Annual Dinner on Sept 14, TN Throwdown Casting Competition on Oct 5th in Johnson City.

TROUT CAMP- Steve Young

Seeking replacement for tech support for TNTroutAdventure.org website

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, Jeff Wright

ZIP code changes have taken place. Suggested to pull new members and send welcome letter. Info on roster access on "Let's Do Lunch" sessions on TU Southeast. Map to be updated in Sept

Worked with Clinch River on Veterans on the Water article to be published in Trout magazine.

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Seeking Climate Change Coordinator

Look at what we are doing now at chapter level to meet new strategic plan missions.

Blake Parsons volunteered to serve as Conservation Advocacy Coordinator.

Frances will send out email to chapter presidents regarding Work Plan to determine what is already in place.

Need more communication committee members.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Description	Made By	Seconded By	Outcome
Minutes from Winter Meeting	Tony Gregg	Ernie Frey	Approved
Lori Givney appt to Council Secretary	Steve Brown	Tony Gregg	Approved
Email Vote acceptable for grants apps over \$10,000	Ernie Frey	Tony Gregg	Approved

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
Development of STREAM Girls Committee (recruit coordinator)	Jeff Wright/Chapters	winter
Chapter presidents and designee to vote by email for grants over \$10,000	Chapter Presidents	TBD by grant committee
Gather info from chapter presidents for Strategic Work Plan development	Council Chair	prior to Fall Mtg

The Fall Meeting will be held on Oct 26 or Nov 9, 2019 at 9:00 at the Hiwassee Fly & Tackle in Reliance

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Givney

Attachments:

Financial Report (Attachment 1)

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Financial Report 08/17/2019

Proposed Budget Current Fiscal Year – April 1, 2019 – March 30, 2020

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/Bevg - Quarterly Meetings	\$770

Total Expenses	\$8,500
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Actual Bank Balances:

License Plate Account (Regions Bank) 08/17/2019	\$86,553.61
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Operating Account (First TN Bank) 08/17/2019	\$11,743.34
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Note! Another deposit from state for
license plate not yet in account for approx.
\$25,000

Goals:

Maintain \$500 License Plate Account

Maintain \$7,000 in Operating Account