



Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of TN Council August 22, 2020 Summer Meeting hosted on Zoom

Presiding: Frances Oates, Chair (CR)

TOTAL NUMBER PRESENT: 27

COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT (Home Chapter in parentheses)

Frances Oates, Chair (CR)	Y	Bill Fuson, Treasurer (MC)	N
Mark Spangler, NLC Rep. (LR)	Y	Lori Givney, Secretary (OM)	Y
Mike Bryant, Past Pres. (CR)	N		
Tony Gregg, Vice Chair (CR)	Y		

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT (Home Chapters in parentheses)

Frances Oates, Communications (CR)	Y	John Reinhardt, Youth (GSM)	Y
Mike Givney, Trout in the Classroom (OM)	Y	Steve Young, Trout Camp (LR)	N
Steve Fry, Conservation (AP)	Y		

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED (Other than Council Officers)

CHAPTER	NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS
Appalachian	Steve Fry Rob Prytula John Hartney	fryfisherman@gmail.com
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GSM	John Reinhart	
Hiwassee	Shane Boyd	boyd12122000@yahoo.com
Little River	Steve Darnell	hummercarver@gmail.com
Music City	Blake Parsons Henry Puckett	blakeparsons1@gmail.com
Overmountain	Mike Givney Rick Elliott Randall Rogers	mikegivney@hotmail.com

GUESTS:

TU National	Jeff Wright	jeff.wright@tu.org
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

The council meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Frances Oates, Council Chair. Reviewed Council Goals and Zoom Guidelines for mtg displayed and reviewed by Jeff Wright

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Meeting minutes were moved by Tony Gregg and seconded by Steve Brown to be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**TREASURER REPORTS:**

Frances Oates, presented financial information in Bill Fuson's absence. (see attached) Noted travel removed due to pandemic, TIC and Trout Camp moved to Council Budget, still administration by License Plate Grant

Motion to approval - Dick Geiger, Second - Steve Fry. Motion passed unanimously.

License Plate Grant UPDATE- Steve Fry:

\$91,000 in fund, Applications received. Any over 10K? Steve didn't think so. There was one late entry from Appalachian Chapter, late entry due to Genetics Study info.

Trout in the Classroom UPDATE - Mike Givney:

- How To Content added to Google Drive for Chapter access for schools
- created Tennessee Trout in the Classroom Facebook private group for teachers and TIC Chapter Reps, posted release videos during Covid shutdown
- set up account for finances through council treasurer Bill Fuson
- Southeast Reg Coordinator, Jeff Wright, built interactive map with TIC schools and locations
- due to pandemic, no school visitors - postponing TIC until spring. TIC Coord to notify teachers and local hatcheries
- looking for verifications of program from chapters
- will host seminars for tank setup
- may be able to offer virtual tank since we are not doing fall start
- Steve Brown asked about link to Google Drive for TIC on Council website, Frances Oates to complete

Trout Camp Update: static due to Covid

Presentation: Jeff Wright, SE Regional Coordinator

- Stream Girls - slated for Oct but cancelled due to pandemic
- SE Coord Update (see attached)
- Community Science (file attached)
 - Jeff Wright, point person to coordinate program
 - Frances Oates inquired as to cost for TN, need to provide future funding?
JW - equipment should be funded chapters may consider eDNA funding
 - Mark Spangler - temp study related to climate change?
JW not necessarily looked at climate change effect, Region 4 & OMTU looking at sites for reintroduction, Steve Fry discussed Caney dissolved oxygen, temp.
Mark Spangler, NLC - climate change moving in to Strategic Plan

NLC Update - Mark Spangler

- Grassroots Trustee Group being established
- Inventory recording suggested for chapters - required to inventory over \$200

Native Trout Work Group Definitions presented by Frances Oates for review/discussion (see attached)

presented definitions on no disagreement, any chapters have a position on changes? no disagreement, on board with definitions

TN TU Updates/Fall Mtg Agenda Discussion - Frances Oates:

- gained 312 members since Feb, would like to work on retaining members,
- Fall Mtg - concentrate on retention
- Due to change in fiscal year, another financial report due end of Sept
- 2 annual reports - one to state, one to TU. Dick Geiger - copy of 990N from each chapter spanning from 4/1/19 - 3/31/20
- Blake Parsons requests review of grant process at Fall Mtg.
- Frances Oates suggests to John H exploration regarding Delta Chapter that used to exist

CHAPTER REPORTS**Appalachian, Steve Fry:**

- having board meetings
- early March mtg, good turnout Tellico River
- working w/ Tenn Aquarium on brook trout relocation project
- chapter camp out idea for fall

Clinch River, Terry Douglas:

- Zoom board meetings
- extended Project Healing WAters fly tying classes, doing classes on FB
- noticed added members
- Tenn Wildlife Foundation (TWF) was able to support w/equipment
- Blake Parsons to reach out to coordinate to get waders for TWF project in Music City area
- Steve Brown - highway cleanup in Sept

Cherokee, Ed Mueller:

- held mtg in June, Board Mtgs by phone
- submitted grant request for Trail Fork Culvert Project
- Elizabethton (OM area) Lover's Lane converting access area to ramp, looking for supplies, funding TVA & TWRA - naming ramp after past president

Hiwassee, Shane Boyd:

- utilizing outdoor meeting space
- June 101 class 42 people, July/Aug 201 class 25, average 10-15/101 class
- June Film crew 10-15 for 101 class filmed on YouTube
- Scout troop came to chapter to get badge
- Facebook page thriving
- local legend interviews idea
- fundraising page thru TU National Fundraising tool

Great Smoky Mountains, John Reinhart:

- June outdoor mtg, July mtg cancelled
- Hosted Day on the Water in July
- Working with Farragut High School
- 5 Rivers Cleanup
- Battle at Gatlinburg One Fly contest coming up

Little River, Steve Darnell:

- looking for outdoor venue to resume meetings
- board meetings as needed, needing to adjust to restrictions
- have resumed acid deposition water sampling
- fly contest in Alcoa
- Fishing Buddies gatherings almost weekly
- Casting Event w/Maryville Parks & Rec scheduled for fall
- fly tying classes in the works
- looking to improve communications, seeking ideas on virtual fly tying

Music City, Blake Parsons:

- shut down for meetings, holding small get togethers
- cleanups successful though cancelled for August, scheduled for Sept
- working on Shared River Coalitions with TWF to regulate liveries
- TWRA collecting data on watershed to look into regulation of liveries in waterways

Overmountain, Rick Elliott:

- board meetings via Zoom
- held Bill Bizzell cleanup in March 120 people, 26 guide boats
- June Picnic 35-40 people, outdoor
- Wounded Warrior project in Elizabethton OM members assisted
- 5 Rivers from Milligan - non-voting Board Member, did stream cleanup our members assisted with transportation
- Boat Ramp project in Elizabethton at Lovers Lane OM approached but declined since the ramp is utilized primarily by guides (99%), determined not conservation related

- Communications Committee to meet next week

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Description	Made By	Seconded By	Outcome
Minutes from Winter Meeting	Tony Gregg	Steve Brown	Approved
Financial Report	Dick Geiger	Steve Fry	Approved

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
Community Science Project	Jeff Wright	winter
TIC Google Drive linked to website	Mike Givney/Frances Oates	fall

The Fall Meeting will be held on Zoom on Nov 7th.

Motion to adjourn, Dick Geiger. Second - Rick Elliott. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Givney

Attachments:

Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited – Financial Report as of August 20, 2020

The impacts of the COVID-19 Coronavirus has significantly impacted the Council and member Chapter operations in this fiscal year. Beginning in March, cancellations of events from the TU National and Regional Meetings, to local chapter meetings resulted in minimal use of available funds. The following is the budget proposed at the Council's winter meeting with the expected income and Expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year and an "On the Spot" as of August 20th:

Item	Budget	Expected	On the Spot
Income			
TU Membership Rebate	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$0
TU Travel Reimbursement(s)	1,000	0	0
Donations	500	500	105
TCTU Chapters Subsidy for SE Region Volunteer Coordinator	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$605</u>
Expenses			
Travel (National, SE Regional Meeting)	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Travel (NLC National Meeting)	1,000	0	0
SE Regional Volunteer Coordinator Subsidy	2,000	2,500	2,500
Insurance (Accident)	155	155	0
Registration Fees (State of TN)	125	125	0
Administrative Expenses	450	450	419
Catering/Food/Beverages (Quarterly Council Meetings)	<u>720</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$3,250</u>	<u>\$2,929</u>
Net Income:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,250</u>	<u>-\$2,294</u>

Account Balances

Account	Book Balance	On the Spot
Operating	\$9,925.25	\$9,925.25
Conservation (formerly the License Plate Account) ¹	\$102,408.86	\$91,392.86
Trout Adventure Camp	\$12,785.38	\$11,534.97
Trout in the Class Room	<u>\$2,928.78</u>	<u>\$2,928.78</u>
	<u>\$128,048.27</u>	<u>\$115,781.86</u>

¹ On the Spot balance reflects a hold of \$11,016 for the S.T.R.E.A.M. Girls program.

Native Trout Work Group Definitions as discussed and agreed upon.

The Native Trout Work Group is trying to determine whether TU’s definitions for “Native Trout/Salmonids” adequately represent what each Council and State Fisheries organization considers “Native Trout/Salmonids.”

* **TU defines native salmonids** as individuals of a species, subspecies, or stock of salmonid that are indigenous to a water body.

* **TU defines native trout species** as a fish species or subspecies that originated and occurs naturally in or has been restored to a specific water.

* **The TN Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) defines a wild trout** as “having spent its entire life cycle (egg through adult) in the wild.” Further, **TWRA says: “Brook Trout are Tennessee’s only native trout”** and “Despite widespread stocking of Brook Trout over the years, genetic analyses have shown that over 60% of Tennessee’s Brook Trout populations are of native, southern Appalachian heritage.” TWRA is working toward re-establishing Southern Appalachian Brook Trout by removing non-native trout from select streams.