

MINUTES FROM TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED CONFERENCE CALL

November 6, 2018, 7:00 – 8:15 pm

Members on the Call

Frances Oates – Chair

Mike Bryant

Jim Herrig - Responsible for these minutes

Steve Brown

Mark Spangler

Key Agenda Items:

Annual Financial Reports

Council Members' tenure and change to fiscal year

Grant Approval

Establish a License Plate Fund position

Chapter Boundaries

National Updates

Trout in the Classroom

Positions needing to be filled

February TU Council meeting

Annual Financial Reports

Frances gave a list of chapters that had not yet filed their annual financial reports including the Tennessee at-large. The Tennessee at-large category no longer exists since these members have been reassigned to either the Music City or Appalachian Chapter. Deadline for submission of reports is November 15, 2018.

Council Members' tenure and change to fiscal year

The question was raised whether we need to add 6 months to the terms of the Council members because National TU has changed their operating fiscal year. National TU has provided no guidance on this topic. Mark assured the members that there were adequate funds to cover 18 months in the 2019 budget. Question needs to be resolved at the TU Council meeting.

Grant Approval

The question was raised whether the TU Council needs to approve the License Plate grant request. Members agreed that the approval was the responsibility of the License Plate Committee. Trout Camp needs their funds soon in order to make arrangements for the 2019 Trout Camp at Tremont.

Establish a License Plate Fund position

Members discussed establishing a License Plate Fund position that would provide training, public relations, and increase sales of License Plates. Each chapter should appoint a person responsible for that chapter's License Plate Fund requests. The new SE Coordinator position (Jeff Wright) could provide training to the chapter contacts.

Chapter Boundaries

Chapter boundaries needs to be a topic of discussion at the TU Council meeting (11/10/18)

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National Updates

Steve Brown will discuss National TU updates at the TU Council meeting

Trout in the Classroom

We need to develop more TIC programs. Could we have a paid position? TU Council does not have adequate funds to pay such a position but could pay expenses. Senator Alexander's office has shown interest in TIC. The key need at schools is a person dedicated to the program (teacher or administrator). Private companies may be interested in supporting TIC if they can get some positive publicity out of it. Can License Plate funds be used to further support TIC?

Positions needing to be filled

Vice-Chair is needed now

National Coordinator will be needed soon

February TU Council meeting

Next TU Council meeting will be held February 2, 2019 at the Tennessee Aquarium Research Center.

Frances needs to coordinate with TWRA and TVA representatives to insure the date and location works for them.

Conference Call ended 8:15