



Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited

Saturday, November 10, 2018 (9:30 to 1:45) Johnson City, TN

PRESIDING: Frances Oates, (CR)

TOTAL NUMBER PRESENT: 17

COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT (Home Chapters in parentheses)

Frances Oates, Chairman (CR)	Y	Jim Herrig, Secretary (AP)	Y
Steve Brown, NLC Representative (CR)	Y	Mark Spangler, Treasurer (LR)	Y
Mike Bryant, Past Chairman (LR)	N		

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

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Music City			
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

The council meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Frances Oates, Council Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

After welcoming everyone, covering the agenda, and thanking Jeff for setting up the meeting, Frances asked for self-introductions.

A motion was made by Tony Gregg to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (8/18/2018) and was seconded by Ernie Frey. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report: Mark presented the proposed budget (see Attachment 1) which will cover 18 months (October 1, 2018 – March 3, 2020) because of the National TU change in fiscal years. A motion was made by Ernie Frey to approve the budget and was seconded by Tony Gregg. Motion was approved. Mark also gave an update on the status of the old Nashville chapter funds. They were given to the Music City Chapter about a month earlier. The Music City Chapter is required to report to the TN Council on how they plan to utilize the funds.

Council Elections: Frances led discussion on extending the terms of the Council members to coincide with the new National TU fiscal year. By-Laws need to be changed to move the election of officers to winter meeting. The chapters need to be notified of the proposed change 30 days before the next meeting. A motion was made by Ernie Frey to change the By-Laws and was seconded by Tony Gregg. Motion was approved. Discussion concerning whether chapters needed to change their election dates. It was decided that the chapters could hold their elections whenever they wanted.

License Plate Grants: Mark listed the following grant requests for this year:

- TU Council - Trout Camp - \$10,500
- TU Council - Trout in the classroom (Lori Paris) - \$5,000
- Appalachian Chapter – Tn Aquarium rearing brook trout for Little Stony Creek - \$11,170
- Cherokee Chapter – TWRA – Temperature loggers - \$2,000
- Hiwassee Chapter – TWRA – Temperature loggers - \$1,350
- Overmountain Chapter – Handicap pier in Watauga Reservoir - \$15,000
- Overmountain Chapter – Access improvement on the Doe River fishing trail - \$6,846
- Little River Chapter – Trout Camp – Fly rods for fishing instruction - \$2,250
- TU Council – Conservation Fisheries, Inc. – Wetsuits for snorkeling program - \$1,200

Total new requests - \$55,316

A motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Tony to define the License Plate Grant process, with timelines to coincide with Embrace-A-Stream, and to decide on it at the winter meeting. The motion was approved.

Overmountain Embrace-a-Stream grant and challenge: Jeff explained the \$8,000 grant that Overmountain and Cherokee chapters received for work in Rocky Fork State Park. They will be establishing permanent water quality stations. They also have an Embrace-a-Stream challenge where Orvis will match at \$0.50 per \$1 donated up to \$1,000. Go to Embraceastream.org to donate. The time line for future Embrace-a-Stream grants is:

- 3/15 Training
- 4/15 Notify Regional Coordinator
- 5/15 Draft proposal
- 7/15 Final proposal

Donated labor is always an important component and should be calculated at \$24/hour. Embrace-a-Stream grants require a 1:1 match from the chapter.

Southeast Regional Volunteer Coordinator: Jeff explained the role of his new job and that of others in the Asheville and national offices.

Beverly Smith is National Vice-President for Volunteer Operations

Jeff Yates is the National Director for Volunteer Operations

Nick Halle is the National Coordinator for Volunteer Operations

Jeff Wright is the Regional Volunteer Coordinator for Tn, NC, SC, and Ga

Franklin Tate is the Director for Youth Operations (Asheville)

Tara Granke is the Assistant Director for Youth Operations (Asheville)

Chapter Boundary Clarification: Jeff led discussion on the current poor boundary lay out and suggested changes (see Attachment 2). Individual TU members may select whichever chapter they wish to be a member of regardless of the zip code of their mailing address. The winter TU Council meeting is the deadline for making suggested changes. A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Steve that all chapter leaderships review the proposed chapter boundary (by zip codes) by the winter TU Council meeting. Motion was approved. A vote will be held at the winter TU Council meeting to ratify these changes.

CHAPTER UPDATES:

Clinch River Chapter – Tony Gregg

Had a chili supper with a silent auction that raised about \$1,200

Planning a Christmas dinner but have not set a date

Very involved with Project Healing Waters

Trying to set up a raffle

Hiwassee Chapter – Mary Alton

Have two Trout in the Classroom tanks

Little River Chapter - Ernie Frey

Working on a project in a spring fed stream (Pistol Creek) near Maryville

Proposing a Delayed Harvest to TWRA

Cherokee Chapter – Gary Garrison

Working with Overmountain Chapter on Rocky Fork project

Doing a membership outreach looking for younger members

Having a fly casting demonstration and instruction in a school gym

Overmountain Chapter – Ryan Turgeon

Annual dinner auction 12/8/2018

Working on the Doe River fishing trail

Working with Cherokee Chapter on the Rocky Fork project

Having a women's clinic with mentoring for interested people

Having fishing days where we take folks out to area streams

Appalachian Chapter – Jim Herrig

Annual Xmas party 11/29/2018

Tellico River cleanup is being planned

Trout in the Classroom update – Lori, Joyce and Mike

How can we increase TIC programs? Currently have about 30 programs. Need volunteers to assist in schools. Each tank needs an assigned TU coordinator. School Principal and Teacher must be fully on board with the program. Use TIC for teacher profession development. Biology Clubs could have classes on macroinvertebrates and other aquatic topics. TIC could be displayed at outdoors businesses (Little River Outfitters has one) and maintained by homeschoolers with a donation jar. A digital manual is available for tank maintenance. Current needs are training for volunteers and teachers which will be discussed at the Southeastern Rally in Georgia in early May. A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Tony that the Tn Council should demonstrate how to set up a TIC program (including tank assembly and maintenance) at the Southeastern Rally and at the spring TN TU Council meeting. Motion was approved.

National Leadership Council Update – Steve

National leadership has changed. Mich and Paul have termed out and been replaced by Jim Walker (Chairman) and Rick Thomas (Secretary).

SUMMARY OF APPROVED MOTIONS

Description	Made By	Seconded By
Approval of 8/18/2018 minutes	Tony Gregg	Ernie Frey
Approval of proposed budget	Ernie Frey	Tony Gregg
Change by-laws to move the election of officers to winter meeting	Ernie Frey	Tony Gregg
To define the License Plate Grant process, with timelines to coincide with Embrace-A-Stream, and to decide on it at the winter meeting	Joyce Frey	Tony Gregg
That all chapter leaderships review the proposed chapter boundary (by zip codes) by the winter TU Council meeting. A vote will be held at the winter TU Council meeting to ratify these changes	Ernie Frey	Steve Brown
That the Tn Council should demonstrate how to set up a TIC program (including tank assembly and maintenance) at the Southeastern Rally and at the spring TN TU Council meeting	Ernie Frey	Tony Gregg

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
Vote on 4 motions	Chairman	Winter meeting

The next TN Council and Coldwater meeting will be February 2, 2019, at the Research Facility of the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga; this meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Herrig

Attachments include:

TU Council Proposed Budget for 10/1/2018 – 3/31/2020

Tennessee Chapter Boundary Changes Based on Zip Codes

ATTACHMENT 1
TU Council Proposed Budget for 10/1/2018 – 3/31/2020

TU Tennessee Council Proposed Budget
 Versus Actual Projected to Sept 30, 2018

(Oct 1, 2017 - Sept 30, 2018)	Budget	Actual & Projected 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018	Proposed Budget 10/1/2018 - 9/30/2019
Income:			
TU National Dues Refund	\$5,500	\$5,490	\$5,500
NLC Meeting - TU National Reimb	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
(Donations / Regional Meeting Income)	\$500	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$7,000	\$6,490	\$6,500
Expenses:			
Travel(National, South East Regional)	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Travel - NLC National Meeting	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Travel to Chapters - Chairman	\$500	\$210	\$200
License Plate - Development	\$500	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$150	\$150	\$150
Admin/Awards/Web Site	\$350	\$320	\$350
Food/Bevg - Quarterly Meetings	\$500	\$1,080	\$800
Total Expenses	\$7,000	\$6,760	\$6,500
Actual State Council Bank Balances 8/18/2018		Projected - 9/30/2018	
License Plate Account (Regions Bank)	\$63,905	\$80,005	
Note! \$10,000 reserved future Grant TWRA			
Operating Account(First TN Bank)	\$12,021	\$9,761	
Financial Goals:			
Maintain \$500 Minimum in License Plate Acct.			
Maintain \$7,000 in Operating Account			
Reported By Mark Spangler - Council Treasurer			
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ATTACHMENT 2

Tennessee Chapter Boundary Changes Based on Zip Codes

Appalachian		Hiwassee		Music City		Overmountain	
To Add	To Remove	To Add	To Remove	To Add	To Remove	To Add	To Remove
37333	37337	37337	37380	38547	37333	37640	37616
37380	38504	37826		38563	37996		37870
	38506	37874		38567	37998		37871
		37880		38859			37872

Cherokee		Clinch River		Great Smokey Mountain		Little River	
To Add	To Remove	To Add	To Remove	To Add	To Remove	To Add	To Remove
37616	37640	37724	37709	37709	37722	37722	37764
37711	37725	37726	37711	37725	37724	37863	37770
37713	37726	37752	37713	37764	37752		37771
37753		37770	37753	37771	37811		37829
37809		37848	37806	37806	37813		37852
37810		37852	37809	37820	37814		37860
37811		37861	37810	37829	37843		37861
37813		37870	37818	37871	37848		37879
37814		37872	37820	37996	37857		37880
37818		37879	37826	37998	37863		37881
37843		37881		38506	37874		37887
37857		37887			38547		37888
37860		37888			38563		37890
37891		38504			38567		37891
					38859		