



# Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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**Minutes of TN Council 2017 fall meeting held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Norris, TN hosted by Clinch River Chapter.**

**Presiding: Mike Bryant, Chair (LR)**

**TOTAL NUMBER PRESENT: 26**

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

Jim Herrig, Secretary (AP)	Y	Mark Spangler, Treasurer (LR)	Y
Steve Brown, NLC Rep. (CR)	Y	Mike Bryant, Chair (LR)	Y
Dick Geiger, Past Pres. (CR)	Y		

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT (Home Chapters in parentheses)**

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

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**GUEST:** None

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

### OLD BUSINESS

After welcoming everyone and covering the agenda, Mike asked for self-introductions. The July 29, 2017 (Summer Meeting) minutes were not approved. They had not been posted to the webpage for review. Members should review those minutes on the webpage and they will be voted on for approval at the next Council meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### ELECTION OF COUNCIL SECRETARY

Steve Young nominated Jim Herrig  
Ernie Frey seconded the nomination  
Jim Herrig was elected unanimously on a voice vote

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mark Spangler, presented financial information in two parts: (1) Previous Budget (Oct 1, 2016 - Sept 30, 2017) and (2) Proposed new Budget (Oct 1, 2017 - Sept 30, 2018). Copies of the reports are included at the end of this document (Attachment 1).

**Previous Budget** – A comparison of the funds allocated to the actual expenses shows that \$1250 allocated was not spent. The goal of maintaining a minimum of \$7000 year-end Operating Account (Contingency) balance was met with a year-end balance of \$8,392.94.

**License Plate (Conservation) Fund**—Mark reported that funds from the sale of license plates are received from the state of TN quarterly. The 2017 beginning balance was \$4,076. The 2017 total fund income was \$68,701.91. Funded projects were as follows:

Cumberland Chapter	\$22,896	
Council	\$ 7,000	Trout Camp
Council	\$ 5,000	Trout in the Classroom
Appalachian Chapter	\$ 7,500	Tn Aquarium to raise brook trout
Overmountain Chapter	\$ 3,360	L. Stony Cr. brook trout restoration
Council	(\$10,000)	TWRA brook trout DNA study (funds not yet allocated to TWRA)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,756</b>	

The current license plate balance is \$17,021.91 (includes \$10,000 for TWRA).

**Council (Operating Account) Fund**—the operating account fund current balance is \$8,392.94. The largest portion of this fund is sourced by TU National from membership

fees of approximately \$5500, and is placed into the account each February. Additionally, \$1000 was reimbursed from the NLC meeting and a donation of \$500 was received.

The proposed budget expenses for the new year are:

National Meeting (2 individuals; West Virginia)	\$2,000
Regional Meeting (8 Chapters, 2 Council) (10 X 200)	\$2,000
State Meeting (Room/Food/Beverage)	\$1,200
Travel to Chapters - Chairman	\$500
License Plate Committee (Travel, Brochure, Admin, Web Site)	\$800
Insurance	\$155
Admin/Awards/Web Site	\$345
Total Expenses	\$7,000

Together the conservation and operating account funds have a current balance of \$25,414.85.

Steve Brown moved that the budgets be approved.

Dick Geiger seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **LICENSE PLATE CONSERVATION FUND**

Mike Bryant gave a short history of the License Plate Fund (see 5 slides below).

Approximately, \$350,000 has been received by the Council in the 10 years that the fund has existed. A 2015 amendment by the Tennessee Legislature requires better reporting of fund expenditures (this requirement is for all License Plate funds in the state).

Discussion among members suggested that there is a need for better marketing of our License Plate. Displaying a mock-up of our license plate prominently in county clerk offices was suggested. Other discussion included adding our license plate icon to all TU outgoing information and to display mock-ups in outdoor stores and at the Tennessee Aquarium. An ad-hoc committee composed of John Reinhardt, Dick Geiger, Mike May and Mike Dow was formed to evaluate these needs and develop recommendations.



## TN License Plate Conservation Fund Program

### Purpose of Today's Review and Decisions

- Recognize the Success of the Program Over the Past Decade
- Work to Enhance and Improve the Success of the Program Over the Next Decade
  - Efficiency – Maximize the Use of Our Resources



## TN License Plate Conservation Fund Program

### **History / Success of the Program**

- Started About a Decade Ago
- Tennessee Bill 55-4-255 (last revision 2015) Was Approved
  - Enabled the Sale of Conservation Specialty License Plates
  - A Portion of Those Sales are Allocated to the **Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited**
- The TN Council is **Responsible** for:
  - Distributing the Funds to the Tenn. Chapters in Amounts Determined by the Council
  - Insuring the Funds are Used to Further the Council's Mission to Protect, Protect and Restore Coldwater Watersheds



## TN License Plate Conservation Fund Program

### **History / Success of the Program (cont.)**

- The Cumberland Chapter Played a Significant Leadership Role in the Development and Approval of the Bill
- After the Bill was Approved, the TN Council Approved a **60% (Council) / 40% (Cumberland Chapter) Split** in Annual State Distributions
- Tennessee Council is Currently Receiving Over \$50K / Year From the State for this Program
- Successfully Distributed Over \$350K (estimated) to Conservation and Education Projects over the Last Ten Years

## TN License Plate Conservation Fund Program

### Agenda:

- Mission / Principles
- Highlight 2017 Awards
- Committee Recommendations
- Cumberland Chapter Proposal
- Discussion / Decision of Future Fund Distributions



Discussion associated with each slide is entered below the relevant slide.

## TN License Plate Conservation Fund Program

### **Mission of the Council:**

- "Shall be to Conserve, Protect, and Restore Tennessee's Coldwater Fisheries" by:
  - Leading Statewide Advocacy Efforts
  - Nurturing Chapter Development
  - Nurturing Grassroots Conservation

### **Guiding Principles:**

- Be Good Stewards of Our Resources
- Continually Look for Opportunities to Maximize the Use of Our Resources Including Money and Resources
- Work Together for What is Good in Our Local Areas as Well as for the State of Tennessee
- Distribution of Funds Should be Based on Merits

Mike went over this slide including the 40/60 split; there was no discussion.

### TN License Plate Conservation Fund Program

#### **2017 License Plate Grant Awards**

\$7,000 – Trout Camp (TN Council)  
 \$10,000 – TWRA SABT DNA Research (TN Council)  
 \$5,000 – Trout-in-the-Classroom (TN Council)  
 \$7,500 – (Appalachian Chapter)  
\$3,360 – (Overmountain Chapter)  
 \$32,860 – Total Requested



Mike stated we need to have an accountability of all funds including those spent by the Cumberland Chapter. The 2017 fund distribution is shown in this slide. The first three distributions are sponsored by the Council and are self explanatory. The Appalachian Chapter distribution is to the Tennessee Aquarium to propagate brook trout for stocking into Little Stony Creek (direct tributary to Watauga Reservoir. Overmountain Chapter is also involved in this project. The Overmountain Chapter distribution is to create a hardened stream crossing on Hampton Creek, one our best wild brook trout streams.

There was considerable discussion about the merits of these projects. Jeff made a motion to cease all conversations about project merits. Francis seconded. The motion was approved.

#### Why Are We Discussing This Today?

##### **Several Reasons to Step Back and Review the Program**

- Over the Past Years, Steve Fry Has Shouldered All the Effort to Keep the Program Moving Forward
- New TU Leaders Lacked the Knowledge About the Potential Opportunities and Requirements of the Program
- Vague Plans from the Cumberland Chapter Regarding Accumulated Distributions (Currently \$90,000)

##### **Actions From Last Summer**

- Started a Discussion at Last Summer's TN Council Meeting
- Committee Chartered at the July, 2017 Tennessee Council Summer Meeting
  - Forward Recommendations to the TN Council at the Fall 2017 TN Council Meeting
- Provided Sufficient Time For the Cumberland Chapter to Develop a Written, Board Approved Plan to be Reviewed at the Fall 2017 Council Meeting to Check for Sufficiency



#### Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee


**Purpose:** Provide Recommendations to the Tennessee Council of TU Aimed at Improving Effectiveness of Conservation Funds Distributed to the Tennessee Council From the State of Tennessee.

- Enhance and Improve the Current Grant Request / Approval Process
- Improve Methods to Identify and Forward New Ideas for Projects
- Increase Communication / Awareness of the Program
- Improve the Long-term Sustainability of the Program



Committee Members:


- Mike Bryant – Committee Chair
- Dennis Baxter – Clinch River Chapter
- Fredia Dow – Cumberland Chapter
- Jim Herrig – Appalachian Chapter
- Payten Holcombe – Hiwassee Chapter
- Bruce McNiel – Great Smoky Mountain Chapter
- Ed Mueller – Cherokee Chapter
- Ernie Frey – Little River Chapter
- Steve Fry – Appalachian Chapter
- Lori Paris – Cherokee Chapter
- Mark Spangler – Tennessee Council
- Jeff Wright – Overmountain Chapter
- Steve Young – Little River Chapter



Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

Sub-Committees


- **Grant Process Improvements** (recommendations to improve the work process used to initiate, write and grant requests for the Conservation Funds)
- **Education / Training Plan** (recommendations on ways to improve the sustainability of the program; train future TU leaders on the intent and benefits of the program)
- **Decision Criteria Matrix** (recommendations on a written criteria matrix to help prioritize grant requests)
- **Communication Plan** (recommendations on improving a broad communication plan to was the awareness of the fund, restrictions, and opportunities)



Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

**Summary Recommendations**

- **Grant Process** – Increase Chapter Support and Staffing of the TN Grant Committee
- **Website** - Develop and Maintain Information for the Program on the Council Website
- **Communication** - Develop a List of Regional Partners and Chapter Point Contacts to Insure Communication
- **Train** - Develop Training Materials (available on the website) to Train Future TU leaders, Point Contacts and Regional Leaders




Mike explained the slides above and opened discussion on the committee and sub-committees that he had been chartered last summer. One significant point made was that all projects should be initiated by a chapter or the Council.

Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee


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Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee


**Additional Recommendation Details**



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**Grant Process Improvements**

- The TU Grant Proposal Form May Be Filled Out By The TU Chapter, Council Or Regional Partner.
  - **Only TU Chapters Or Council Can Submit Grant Proposals To The TU Conservation Grant Committee**
  - Either The TU Chapter, Council And/Or Regional Partner Can Develop A Proposed Project.
- TU Chapters and Council Will Contact Regional Partners About Possible Project Ideas.
  - A List Of Regional Partners Will Be Developed And Maintained.
- Each Chapter Is Allowed One Awarded Project Per Year.
  - Each Grant Request Is Limited To \$10,000.
  - The Grant Committee Will Have Responsible To Reviewing and Awarding All Grants Less Than \$10K.
  - Requests Larger Than \$10,000 Or Requiring More Than One Year To Implement Must Have Council Approval.
- Chapters Are Required To Finish Their Grants And Submit A Report To The TN Council Prior To Submitting For Another Grant.
- Grant Applications Are Only Accepted One Time Per Year.



Discussion on these recommendations included the following points:


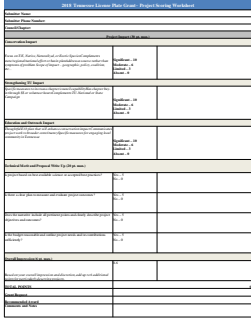

**Steve Fry** - The time line should require that all proposals be submitted at the summer TU Council meeting; approved or disapproved by the end of September. This timeline needs to coincide with Embrace-a-Stream Grants.

**Group** – Merit of proposals may suffer if chapters are restricted to one project per year. The Council will review proposals if a chapter submits more than one proposal and they are all recommended by the License Plate Fund Committee.

Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

**Decision Criteria Matrix**

- Develop a Written Decision Criteria
  - Update Embrace-A-Stream Format
  - Link with Council's Mission
- Criteria Matrix to be Used by the Conservation Grant Committee in Evaluating Grant Requests

**Group** – An additional criterion was added requiring the committee to evaluate the effect the project may have on the chapter. A project may be very important to the continued existence and growth of a chapter.


**Group** – Submission of the final report is essential.

Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

**Communication Improvements**

Multiple Prong Approach:

- The Tennessee Council will Provide Information on the Grant Process and Forms Council's Website with Timelines.
- The Program will be Presented to all TU Chapter and Council Meetings
- A PowerPoint Presentation and Video will be Developed to Raise the Awareness of the Program
- Develop and Share a Contact List of Chapters / Council and Regional Partners to Help Facilitate Communications




No Discussion on Communication Improvements.

Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

**Education / Training Plan**  
(Improving Sustainability)


- Create a Separate Tab Heading on the Home page of the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited Website Highlighting the TN License Plate Conservation Fund
  - Overall Description of the Program
  - Include a Fact Sheet, Sample Applications, Decision Matrix, Previous Projects, FAQ's, Contact Information
- Create Point-person Positions at the Council Level and All Chapters Who Will be Responsible for Administering and Promoting TN License Plate Conservation Fund.



Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

**Training**

- Create a Power Point Training Program to Train Chapter and Council Leaders on:
  - The Intent of the Program
  - The Grant Application Process
  - Post-Completion Reporting
- The Council Point Person Responsible for On-going Training



No Discussion on Education and Training.

Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

**Next Steps**

- Develop Website Information
- Finalize Criteria Matrix
- Develop Grant Committee Members
- Develop Contact List
- Develop Power Point Training Program
- Develop Training Video
- Recruit Point-Persons at Chapter and Council Levels



Tennessee License Plate Conservation Fund Committee

Additional Discussion / Vote  
on Recommendations

**Steve Young** and **Frances** will work on the webpages.  
**Mark** will make changes to the matrix.

**Mike** will ask each chapter president to get someone committed to be on the grant committee.

**Dennis, Jeff and Jim** will continue to work on the contact list.

**Steve Young** and **Michael Dow** will work on the PowerPoint program which will be an outgrowth of the webpages update.

**Discussion on the Recommendations continued.**

**Jeff** offered the following amendments: 1) Change the time line from one project proposal per year to one project proposal per grant cycle 2) add a statement saying that typical awards will be \$10,000 and less but any amount will be considered.

**Ernie** moved that the amendments be approved

**Steve Young** seconded.

The amendment was approved on a voice ballot.

**Steve Young** moved that the recommendations be approved.

**Mark** seconded.

The recommendations were approved by voice ballot.

**Mike** opened discussion on the Cumberland Chapter's proposal for their 2017 funds. The proposal was intended to address erosion problems in the Caney Fork River and to improve trout survival (estimated at 20% increase). This river provides over \$400,000 in economic benefits to the state of Tennessee, primarily in the middle of the state. The US Army Corps of Engineers is currently working on the dam flow release gates and making implementation of this project impractical for the near future. Other potential projects have been discussed with Mark Thurman of TWRA. The Cumberland Chapter has been very generous in the past with providing funds to other chapters. No project was approved for the Cumberland Chapter's 2017 funds.

**Mike** opened discussion changing the 40/60 split.

**Chris** stated that the 40/60 split was an implied contract between the Cumberland Chapter and the Council.

**Mike Dow** expressed concern that the Cumberland Chapter needs to spend the funds and favors a change in the distribution percentage.

**John** is concerned about the legality of leaving the funds uncommitted in the bank.

**Chris** said the Cumberland Chapter is following the rules.

**Steve Fry** explained that the original proposed split was 40/50/10 with the 10% going to Bring Back the Natives. The Bring Back the Natives initiative never came to fruition. Others contributed to the license plate initiative besides the Cumberland Chapter which was reimbursed for the lobbying expenses.

**Mike** gave three options for consideration.

- 1) Cumberland Chapter would be treated the same as all other chapters when it comes to annual fund distribution beginning in 2018 and continuing indefinitely.
- 2) The percentage of funds going to the Cumberland Chapter each year would drop 10% each year until it hit 10% where it would stay indefinitely.
- 3) Other options (reduce from 40% to XX%).

Following Discussions, Steve Young motioned that the Council change the 40/60 split; Seconded by Ernie. A Roll Call vote approved the motion with 1 vote in opposition and one vote present.

Appalachian:	Steve Fry	<b>Yes</b>	Mike May	<b>Yes</b>
Cherokee:	Jon Jensvold	<b>Yes</b>	George Upton	<b>Yes</b>
Clinch River:	Tony Gregg	<b>Yes</b>	Terry Douglas	<b>Yes</b>
Cumberland Chapter:	Mike Dow	<b>Yes</b>	Chris Nisham	<b>No</b>
Great Smoky Mountains:	John Reinhardt	<b>Yes</b>		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	<b>Yes</b>	Mary Holmes	<b>Yes</b>
Little River:	Ernie Frey	<b>Yes</b>	Steve Young	<b>Yes</b>
Overmountain:	Jeff Wright	<b>Present</b>	Bill Watkins	<b>Yes</b>
Council Secretary:	Jim Herrig	<b>Yes</b>		
Council Treasurer:	Mark Spangler	<b>Yes</b>		
Council Past Chair:	Dick Geiger	<b>Yes</b>		
Council NLC Rep:	Steve Brown	<b>Yes</b>		

During discussions, Bill Watkins proposed an amendment to option #2 which would decrease the amount the Cumberland Chapter received each by 5% instead of 10% but still keeping the minimum received at 10% after that level was reached. Jeff Wright moved the question and Chris Nisham seconded it. A Roll Call vote approved the motion with 10 yes 8 no and 1 present votes.

Appalachian:	Steve Fry	<b>Yes</b>	Mike May	<b>Yes</b>
Cherokee:	Jon Jensvold	<b>No</b>	George Upton	<b>No</b>
Clinch River:	Tony Gregg	<b>Yes</b>	Terry Douglas	<b>Yes</b>
Cumberland Chapter:	Mike Dow	<b>No</b>	Chris Nisham	<b>Yes</b>
Great Smoky Mountains:	John Reinhardt	<b>No</b>		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	<b>Yes</b>	Mary Holmes	<b>Yes</b>
Little River:	Ernie Frey	<b>No</b>	Steve Young	<b>No</b>
Overmountain:	Jeff Wright	<b>Yes</b>	Bill Watkins	<b>Yes</b>
Council Secretary:	Jim Herrig	<b>Yes</b>		
Council Treasurer:	Mark Spangler	<b>No</b>		
Council Past Chair:	Dick Geiger	<b>Present</b>		
Council NLC Rep:	Steve Brown	<b>No</b>		

With no further discussion, Steve Young motioned that option 2, as amended, be adopted. Steve Brown seconded the motion. The motion failed on a Roll Call vote with 8 Yes 10 No and 2 Present.

Appalachian:	Steve Fry	<b>No</b>	Mike May	<b>No</b>
Cherokee:	Jon Jensvold	<b>No</b>	George Upton	<b>No</b>
Clinch River:	Tony Gregg	<b>Yes</b>	Terry Douglas	<b>Yes</b>
Cumberland Chapter:	Mike Dow	<b>No</b>	Chris Nisham	<b>Yes</b>
Great Smoky Mountains:	John Reinhardt	<b>No</b>		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	<b>Yes</b>	Mary Holmes	<b>Yes</b>
Little River:	Ernie Frey	<b>No</b>	Steve Young	<b>Yes</b>
Overmountain:	Jeff Wright	<b>Yes</b>	Bill Watkins	<b>No</b>
Council Secretary:	Jim Herrig	<b>Yes</b>		
Council Treasurer:	Mark Spangler	<b>No</b>		
Council Past Chair:	Dick Geiger	<b>Present</b>		
Council NLC Rep:	Steve Brown	<b>Present</b>		

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With no further discussion, Jon motioned that option 1 (Cumberland Chapter would be treated same as all other chapters beginning in 2018) be adopted. George seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Roll Call vote with 16 Yes 3 No.

Appalachian:	Steve Fry	<b>Yes</b>	Mike May	<b>Yes</b>
Cherokee:	Jon Jensvold	<b>Yes</b>	George Upton	<b>Yes</b>
Clinch River:	Tony Gregg	<b>Yes</b>	Terry Douglas	<b>Yes</b>
Cumberland Chapter:	Mike Dow	<b>Yes</b>	Chris Nisham	<b>No</b>
Great Smoky Mountains:	John Reinhardt	<b>Yes</b>		
Hiwassee:	Don Denney	<b>Yes</b>	Mary Holmes	<b>Yes</b>
Little River:	Ernie Frey	<b>Yes</b>	Steve Young	<b>Yes</b>
Overmountain:	Jeff Wright	<b>No</b>	Bill Watkins	<b>No</b>
Council Secretary:	Jim Herrig	<b>Yes</b>		
Council Treasurer:	Mark Spangler	<b>Yes</b>		
Council Past Chair:	Dick Geiger	<b>Yes</b>		
Council NLC Rep:	Steve Brown	<b>Yes</b>		

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS

**Conservation:** No report

**Women's Initiative:** No report

**Trout Camp (TC):** No report

**SE Regional Meeting:** No report

**Trout in the Classroom (TIC):** No report

**Communications:** No report

**National Leadership Council (NLC):** No report

**Financial Oversight:** No report

**Chapter Reports:**

**Appalachian:** 11/30/17 Merry Fishmas Party; 1/18/18 monthly meeting at the Tennessee Aquarium Research Unit – behind the scenes tour

**Cherokee:** 5/9/18 Kids Fishing Day in Greeneville

**Hiwassee:** Xmas Banquet date to be determined

**Clinch River:** 12/15/17 Xmas Party; 7/21/18 Clinch River Cleanup Day

**Trout Camp:** 6/18-23/18

**Great Smoky Mountains:** Late January 2018 Ironman fishing competition

**Overmountain:** 12/5/18 Xmas Party; 3/17/18 Watauga Reservoir Cleanup

**Dick Geiger:** Flies needed for Trout Camp – 14 flies of one type

**Cold Water Meeting:** End of January

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

Description	Made By	Seconded By	Outcome
Jim Herrig for Secretary	Steve Young	Ernie Frey	Approved
Treasurer's Report	Steve Brown	Dick Geiger	Approved
Cease tangential conversations	Jeff Wright	Frances Oates	Approved
Amendments to Committee Recommendations: change per year to per grant cycle; change typical awards limited to \$10,000 to any amount will be considered	Ernie Frey	Steve Young	Approved
Recommendations from License Fund Committee	Steve Young	Mark Spangler	Approved
Change the percentage split of License Plate funds	Steve Young	Ernie Frey	Approved Roll Call vote
Amendment to Option #2: reduce Cumberland chapter split to 10% in 5% increments each year	Jeff Wright	Chris Nisham	Approved Roll Call vote
Option #2 as amended	Steve Young	Steve Brown	Failed Roll Call vote
Option #1	Jon Jensvold	George Upton	Approved Roll Call vote

**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
Review Secretary's Report from Summer meeting	Council members	Winter meeting
Ad Hoc Committee to develop recommendations and marketing plan for License plate sales	John Reinhardt, Dick Geiger, Mike May, Mike Dow	Winter meeting

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
License Plate sub-committees continue to improve their reports	Appointed members	Winter meeting
Add web pages for License Plate funds	Steve Young, Frances Oates	Winter meeting
Each chapter should designate someone for the License Plate fund committee	Mike Bryant and Chapter Presidents	Winter meeting
PowerPoint training program for License Plate funds	Steve Young, Mike Dow	Winter meeting
Video for License Plate training	John Reinhardt	Winter meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Herrig

Attachments include:

Financials: 2017 and 2018 Operating Reports (Attachment 1)

ATTACHMENT 1  
Financial Reports

**Tennessee Council Approved Budgeted vs Actual 2016 - 2017**  
(Oct 1, 2016 - Sept 30, 2017)

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Expenses:			
Travel (National Regional State)	\$4,000	\$2,767	\$1,233
Travel - NLC	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Travel to Chapters	\$500	\$0	\$500
License Plate Development	\$500	\$0	\$500
Insurance	\$150	\$155	-\$5
Admin/Awards/Website	\$350	\$185	\$165
Meeting(Room/Food/Beverage)	\$500	\$1,643	-\$1,143
	\$7,000	\$5,750	\$1,250

Note - Only 1 Council Officer attended National Meeting

Operating Account - (First Tennessee)	8,392.94
License Plate Account - (Regions Bank)	17,021.91

Goal: Maintain \$7,000 in Operating Account (Contingency)

**Tennessee Council Proposed Budget 2017-2018**

(October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018)

Income:

TU National Dues Refund	\$5,500
NLC Meeting - TU National Reimb	\$1,000
Donations	\$500
Total Income	\$7,000

Expenses:

National Meeting(2 individuals)	\$2,000
Regional Meeting (8 Chapters, 2 Council) (10 X 200)	\$2,000
State Meeting (Room/Food/Beverage)	\$1,200
Travel to Chapters - Chairman	\$500
License Plate Committee(Travel,Brochure,Admin,Web Site)	\$800
Insurance	\$155
Admin/Awards/Web Site	\$345
Total Expenses	\$7,000

