



Tennessee Council, Trout Unlimited

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- Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.
- Pearson King moved approval of the previous minutes; approved.
- Sean Fagan, update on Trout Camp – camp space has been reserved with Tremont, but the cost has gone up. Camp leaders are looking for more volunteers next year. The group will have a planning meeting next week.
- Pearson King, update on grants – 4 grants have been approved. Music City added \$2000 to their original grant for O2 studies on the Caney Fork, and were granted \$5000 for Caney Fork improvements, in partnership with TWRA, the COE, and USAC. The Tennessee Council was granted \$10,000 to partner with Jeff Wright in the Cherokee National Forest. Appalachian Chapter was awarded \$12062 to reintroduce SABT to the North River, in partnership with the Tennessee Aquarium and Travis Scott of TWRA. And the Hiwassee Chapter was awarded \$43,725 to evaluate brook trout in the South zone of the Cherokee National Forest, in partnership with Michael Free of Lee University and TWRA; they will use EDNA to look for water-borne brook trout DNA, then use electroshocking to verify brook trout presence. The grant process worked well this year, but we need a better reporting form for next year. The committee will have an updated



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reporting form for approval at the winter meeting, and final reports will henceforth be placed on the council web site.

- Mark Spangler updated National Leadership Council news – a lot of funding is available for resisting the results of climate change. TCTU needs a new coordinator to implement the state climate change plan. The plan will be posted on www.tctu.org. There will be a climate change group session at the SE Rally in Asheville March 9-12.
- Ryan announced that we need nominees for council Secretary and Treasurer in addition to a climate change coordinator.
- Little River Chapter, Bob Bishop – Steve Young has left for Oregon, and will be greatly missed. Six teams have qualified to do stream barrier surveys. Eleven schools will do TIC releases in early December. In a three-pass shocking study on Little River, everyone got wet. Pistol Creek cleanup day with schools went well. On-line fund raising auction will run from November 21 to December 15, with proceeds to benefit GSMNP fisheries – last year raised about \$4000. Pistol Creek cleanup will be December 10. Matt Kulp will present the February 18 program on GSMNP fisheries.
- Cherokee Chapter, Bob Ross – the chapter is involved in mostly financial projects in the Cherokee NF. The new president is working to reinvigorate the chapter.
- Clinch River Chapter, Steve Burman – the chapter hosted a Women on the Water event in September, and invited the attendees to a Women on the Pond (for bass and bream) to hone their skills two weeks later. The chapter held a BBQ for the membership in September, and will hold a chili supper November 10 and a Christmas party December 8. The first fly tying class since Covid will start in January.
- Appalachian Chapter, Steve Fry – Steve suggested that the council start and publish a list of standard yearly events for all chapters to avoid scheduling conflicts for council meetings, SE Regional meetings, and chapter events. The chapter is healthy, but lacks leadership. There have been some conflicts in cooperation seen with brook trout agencies.
- Hiwassee Chapter, Pearson King – will do a reconnoiter along the Tellico and North Rivers to check on the tree cutting project. Participated, with the Appalachian Chapter and the Unicoi Chapter (NC), in a TAPS program for military survivors. Continues free FF101 classes every month from April to October, including insect surveys. Just finished a stream survey for the south Cherokee NF. Held a women's FF101, and will hold a women's retreat next weekend, where ten women will camp and fish with women guides, and men will maintain the camp and cook. A PHWFF event is coming up. The chapter is looking at establishing a second trout camp.
- Music City, Arthur Smith – trying to start Five Rivers chapters at Vanderbilt and Ole



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Miss. Working on getting minimum flow on the Caney Fork – expect a comment period in December.

- Overmountain Chapter, Ryan Turgeon – chapter has just finished stream surveys. Holding regular fishing trips. Had eight women for a Women's FF101 event. Have held Doe River cleanups, and boat ramp cleanups on the South Holsten and Watauga Rivers. Recent fund raisers have cleared over \$8000. TIC is in progress. Clarks Creek cleanup November 19. Have recently met with TVA and TWRA concerning low flows on the South Holsten, with the weir pool completely drained. TVA will study the problem, and expects to finish by end of November.
- Ryan reminded that the coldwater meeting is scheduled for January 28 at the Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute in Chattanooga – the facility is reserved for 9-12 a.m. Mark asked for a TVA climate change presenter to outline TVA's plans for remediation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Brown, TCTU Secretary