



Tennessee Council Trout Unlimited

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TU Council Meeting

Saturday, December 2, 2023

The Cove Room

Great Smokey Mountains Institute at Tremont

9275 Tremont Rd, Townsend, TN 37882

- Ryan Turgeon called the meeting to order at 9:35AM
- Ryan Turgeon welcome and agenda review
- Approval of minutes: Approved
- Financial Report by Hunter Turgeon
 - The financial report for the period ending 11/30/2023 was approved. Below is a summary of the accounts. A full report is attached at the end of the minutes.

Account Balances

<i>Account</i>	<i>Book Balance (Reconciled)</i>	<i>Pending / Outstanding</i>	<i>Committed</i>	<i>Net Available</i>
Operating Account	\$ 18,728.98	\$ -	\$ (750.00)	\$ 17,978.98
Conservation Account	\$ 76,891.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,891.20
TIC Account	\$ 7,793.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,793.08
Thurman Trout Camp	\$ 7,642.49		\$ (157.45)	\$ 7,485.04
Combined Balances:	\$ 111,055.75	\$ -	\$ (907.45)	\$ 110,148.30

- Southern Appalachian Project
 - Jeff Wright could not make the meeting. His report was presented by Ryan Turgeon.
 - Strategic Wood Loading
 - North Zone ARAP permit should be approved by the end of January.
 - Great Smoky Mountains National Park Barrier Surveys
 - Phase 2 will start this fall and will cover perennial streams not completed in Phase 1 plus the Greenbrier Area.

- Trout in the Classroom Update by Mike Givney
 - The five chapters actively involved in the Council TIC program installed 10 new chillers this year:
 - Clinch
 - Hiwassee
 - Little River
 - Music City
 - Overmountain
 - TIC Financial Report- June 1, 2023 to date
 - Deposits

▪ We started the school year with funds from last year	\$11,322.16
▪ 2023 Program Funding	\$15,000.00
▪ TIC / Trout Camp Storage Unit Funding	\$1,200.00
▪ TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$16,200.00
▪ TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE (at start of '23 school year)	\$27,522.16
 - Breakdown of Expenditures

• Chapter Equipment and Supplies	\$19,043.84
• Program Supplies and Ops. Materials	\$157.28
• Postage & FedEx	\$153.96
• Storage Unit	\$374.00
• Total Expenditures	\$19,729.08
 - Balance at this time \$7,793.08
 - Outlook For Spring Semester
 - Chapters will be offered replacement supplies and chemicals.
 - Chapters will be notified of requests for new programs from schools in their area.
 - Our High School Ag Science Fisheries Class will continue a study with Erwin National Hatchery to determine the hatch rate increase of Brook Trout with adjustments to water temperature and chemistry.
 - A request will go out to chapters to supply stats on their individual programs.
 - Points for next year:
 - We won't have the surplus funds to work with and won't be able to start as many new programs. Therefore, due to the large number of requests and the growing popularity of Ag Sci CTE classes being added to schools statewide, program requests from High Schools will get priority for equipment with middle and elementary schools being considered after High School requests are filled.
 - It would be appreciated if chapters could work on actively involving high school TIC program students in their chapter activities and projects. Students need community service hours to graduate and our SSSP kids are always eager to get involved in our work.
 - I would also ask that chapter leaders work on getting volunteers to help their TIC coordinators. As you know, these folks work very hard at what is arguably the program that has the most impact on future membership for your chapter and they could use some assistance.

- John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp Update, Sean Fagan
 - We are well along the way to this year's camp and anticipate a full camp.
 - Camp dates are June 17 through June 22
 - Finances:

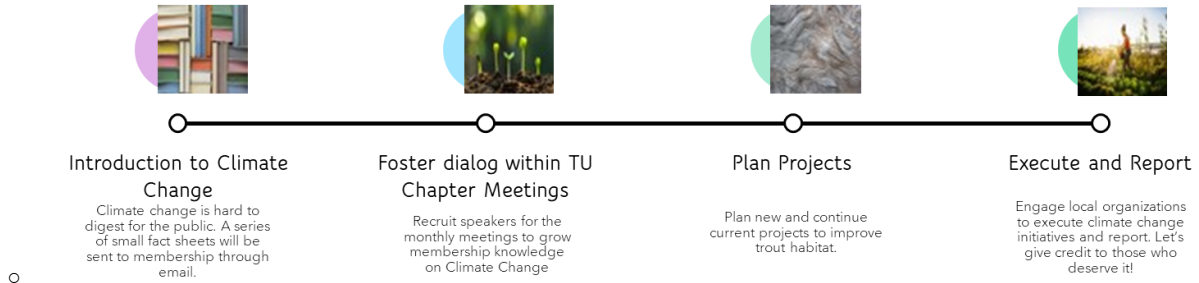
2024 Camp Projected Budget		
Camper Tuition	\$9,900.00	
GSMIT	-\$16,500.00	Includes extra meals (1500 Deposit deducted from total)
Lodging	-\$8,000.00	
Overnight Counselors (Mountain Challenge)	-\$2,000.00	
Shirts	-\$1,500.00	
Misc Supplies (Fly boxes, Ice, Leaders, Ect)	-\$1,000.00	
Curtis Creek Manifesto Book/Camp Guide	-\$900.00	
Gift Cards	-\$550.00	
Food (Papa Johns)	-\$500.00	
Conservation Fisheries (Snorkeling Event)	-\$1,000.00	
Trailer Rental	-\$250.00	
Website	-\$250.00	
Contingency Funds	-\$2,500.00	Will be used to reserve 2025 Camp slot if not needed
Camp Curriculum Meeting	-\$3,000.00	
Fly Tying Kits	-\$400.00	
Projected Income	\$9,900.00	
Projected Expenses	-\$38,350.00	
Current Funds Available	\$7,485.04	
Request from TN Council	\$21,000.00	

- A request for early funding was unanimously approved after a motion and a second.

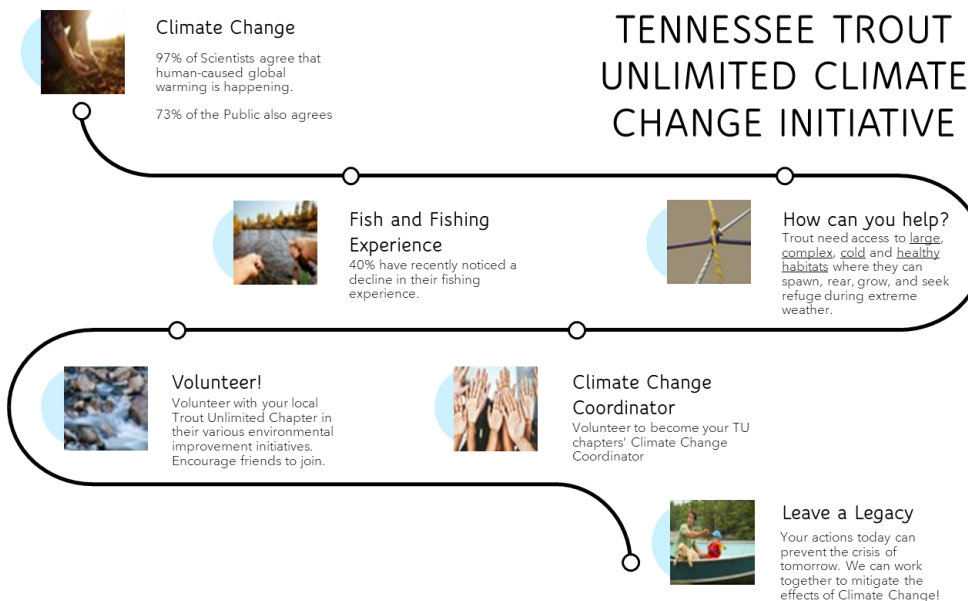
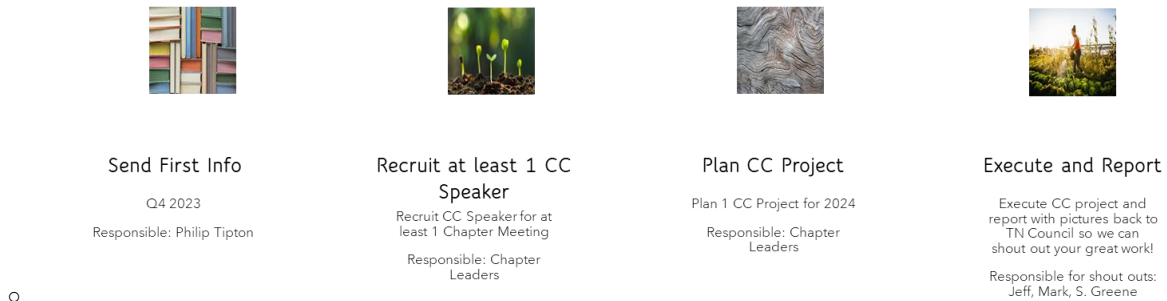
- National Leadership Council Update, Mark Spangler
 - National Leadership Council
 - Sets direction for National Conservation Agenda
 - Participate in 2 Work Groups – Climate Change, New Initiatives
 - National Updates:
 - NLC Assessment Survey - Started
 - Looking at Reorganizing how NLC functions (New Initiatives Work Group)
 - New NLC Priority Waters work group approved
 - 2023 Annual Meeting – Spokane, WA (September 27 - 31) - Focus Columbia River
 - Columbia Dam Conservation Tour
 - 2024 Annual Meeting – Minneapolis, Minnesota (September 25 – 29)
 - National Staff Growing / New Insurance Carrier
 - Southeast Regional – Nashville March 15 -17 Holiday Inn Westend – Vanderbilt area
 - Opening to serve on Southeast EAS Committee – No takers so far.
- Caney Fork River Update – Off Agenda
 - At this point, Sherrell Greene was invited to present a detailed report on the challenges facing the Clinch River.
 - Summary:
 - The Clinch River is a tailwater downstream from Army Corp of Engineers' dams.
 - The river's trout are threatened by the Army's management of the river, including periods of no water flow.
 - The Army has its own agenda and is not responsive to concerns about the trout.
 - A consortium of organizations is fighting for the trout and try to force a new environmental impact statement.

- Climate Change Update, Philip Tipton.

CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE GROWTH TIMELINE



GOALS FOR 2023-2024



- TN Conservation Grant Program
 - 6 grants were approved this year
 - Appalachian (\$12,104.75) – Reintroduction of Southern Appalachian Brook Trout into TWRA Region 4 watersheds
 - Cherokee (\$4,000) – Fishing Dock at Camp Davy Crockett
 - Clinch River (\$3,825) – Provide Equipment and Supplies for Clinch River TU Women's Programs
 - Hiwassee (\$17,045) – Year 2 Evaluating Brook trout distribution and reintroduction potential in southeast Tennessee.
 - Little River (\$11,510) – Brook Trout Population Genetic Assessments
 - TN Council (\$31,900) – Improving native and wild trout habitat through strategic wood addition, years 2 - 3
 - Are there any proposed changes to the grant program for next year?
 - There was a discussion, but no decision, of the possibility of saving funds from one or more years to fund larger and more ambitious projects in later years.
- Chapter Reports
 - Appalachian
 - Raising funds with beer events, \$650.
 - Partnering with American Fishing Society in Chattanooga
 - March 9th Tlico River Cleanup
 - Cherokee – no report
 - Clinch River
 - Reducing events, but staying active has improved finances
 - January 8th starting an 8-week fly tying class
 - Surveys
 - TWRA on the Clinch
 - Creel and bug surveys
 - Working with Wounded Warriors
 - Working with the TVA to provided fishing opportunities for TVA meeting participants
 - Great Smoky Mountain
 - Increasing community participation
 - Planning a 2-fly competition
 - A new Orvis is opening in Knoxville
 - Will be having fly-tying events
 - Planning an Ironman Fly Competition
 - Hiwassee
 - Planning 101 and 102 classes
 - Will be a women’s campout
 - Working with Healing Waters and 5-Star families

- Little River
 - Performing stream surveys
 - Have five schools in their TIC program
 - Working with the National Park Service for cleanups
 - Working with Maryville College
 - Auction in progress
- Music City
 - Caney Fork issues
 - YouTube video
 - Partners helping publicize
 - Southeast Regional
 - To be held in Nashville
 - Weak communications between National and the local chapter
- Overmountain
 - Had a successful fundraising banquet
 - February chili cookoff
 - Successful pint nights will be continued
 - Will be having fly-tying nights
 - Watauga and South Holston river cleanups in March
- Announcements
 - Mike Kesselring stepped down as Vice Chair
 - We are looking for a new Vice Chair
 - Please volunteer if interested
 - Cold Water Council Meeting
 - Going to invite our partners
 - TVA
 - TWRA
 - USFS
 - Great Smoky Mountains National Park
 - Army Corps of Engineers
 - Date?
 - February timeframe
 - Location?
 - Knoxville
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.



TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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MEMORANDUM

To: TCTU Executive Committee /Tennessee Council
From: Hunter Turgeon, Treasurer
Date: December 2, 2023
RE: Treasurer’s Report – Fall 2023

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Book Balances (Reconciled) as of 11/30/2023.

License Plate Account – Grants Committee met, reviewed, and approved grants totaling \$80,384.75.

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License Plate revenue year-to-date is \$78,257.95. I expect one (1) additional distribution from the State in this fiscal year – tracking to exceed \$100,000 in revenue for the second straight year.

Operating Account –Receive TU Membership Rebate of \$6,125.00 (budgeted \$6,000.00)

Total General & Administration expense (this year-to-date) are \$5,524.45.

Attendees

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