



Tennessee Council Trout Unlimited

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TU Council Meeting Saturday, May 18, 2024 Zoom

- After troubles with Zoom, Ryan Turgeon was able to call the meeting to order at 9:20AM
- Ryan Turgeon welcome and agenda review
- Approval of minutes: Approved
- Financial Report by Hunter Turgeon
 - The financial report for the period ending 04/30/2024 was approved. Below is a summary of the accounts. The report was approved unanimously:

Account Balances

<i>Account</i>	<i>Book Balance (Reconciled)</i>	<i>Pending / Outstanding</i>	<i>Committed</i>	<i>Net Available</i>
Operating Account	\$ 21,006.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,006.66
Conservation Account	\$ 103,291.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,291.60
TIC Account	\$ 6,431.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,431.39
Thurman Trout Camp	\$ 23,861.39		\$ -	\$ 23,861.39
Combined Balances:	\$ 154,591.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,591.04

- The budget was presented and approved unanimously:

Forecasted Budget

<i>Item</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expected</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income			
TU Membership Rebates	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
TU Travel Reimbursement (s)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Donations	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total Income:	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 1,250.00
Expenses			
Travel (SE Regional Meeting)	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,400.00
Insurance (Accident)	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00
Registration Fees (State of TN)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Administrative Expenses (website, etc.)	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 159.90
Tax Return	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Food/Beverages (Council Meetings)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Total Expenses:	\$ 8,165.00	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 2,714.90
Net Operating Income/(Loss)²:	\$ (415.00)	\$ 1,385.00	\$ (1,464.90)

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- Trout in the Classroom Update by Mike Givney
 - The TIC program continues to grow with seven tanks added.
 - Demand is so great that we currently can't meet it. The constraint is chapter volunteers. We need more of them if we hope to meet the demand.
 - We'll be spending about \$1,400 to purchase two chillers.
 - Looking forward to student projects.
- John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp Update, Mike Givney
 - Planning is going well.
 - The camp will be June 17-22.
 - At present we have five girls and 11 boys scheduled to attend.
 - Looking for six people to help with fishing day.
- Southern Appalachian Project, Jeff Wright
 - The Strategic Wood Loading project is being held up by staffing issues.
 - Access to Frog Level on the Doe River will be closed for reclamation projects.
 - A project is planned for Little Jacobs Creek. A crossing will be removed and replaced to benefit the Brook Trout.
 - Great Smoky Mountains National Park Barrier Surveys are almost complete.
 - New funding will be coming from TU National.

- TN Conservation Grant Program process report, Mike Able
 - June 30: Status reports due from the previous year.
 - July 1: Grant applications submitted to the grant committee chair.
 - July 15: Grant applications distributed to committee for review and scoring.
 - August 7: Grant committee meets to make its decisions. Decisions will be communicated to applicants before the summer council meeting.
 - September 30: Grant checks are distributed, except where funds are withheld awaiting fulfillment of a contingency.
- TCTU Volunteer Coordinator, Ryan Turgeon
 - We are looking for one or more volunteers to work with the TWRA and Jeff Wright similar to what we have in the GSMNP.
- National Leadership Council Update, Mark Spangler
 - Looking for trainers to educate membership on climate change issues.
 - The evolution of the NLC continues.
 - TU National is facing serious financial challenges:
 - Federal funding has slowed.
 - Membership is declining because of the membership is aging.
- Chapter Reports
 - Appalachian
 - The Appalachian Chapter is busy:
 - Senior fly-fishing classes
 - Troutfest
 - Women's clinic
 - More events and activities are planned.
 - Cherokee
 - Kid's 45th fishing day was a huge success.
 - Trying to renew the chapter:
 - Adding new, younger, board members.
 - Drawings at meetings.
 - Bringing back fly tying events
 - Clinch River – no report
 - Great Smoky Mountain – no report
 - Hiwassee
 - Fly-fishing classes
 - Will be a holding women's campout.
 - Will be having a trout festival.
 - Little River
 - Will have an opportunity to fish a private water, Norton Creek.
 - TIC program has found a new home for an existing tank.
 - Will have an auction next year.

- Music City
 - Ongoing changes in the organization:
 - New President
 - Five new committees being setup
 - Membership and chapter activity are growing.
 - The Rendezvous was a success.
 - Caney Fork:
 - A new, complicated, flow regime has been put in place.
 - Will be monitored for compliance and impacts on trout. Funding by a grant.
- Overmountain
 - Adding remote temperature sensors to the tailwaters.
 - The previous fishing trip was a success. So, the chapter will be doing more of them.
 - Women's clinic was rained out.
 - TIC release was a success.
 - Will again participate in the Meet the Mountain Festival in Johnson City in August.
 - Thirsty Orange remains an excellent fundraiser. Discussing possible expansion.
 - Planning an Iron Fly competition.
 - Planning a fishing tournament.
- Announcements
 - Bill Watkins will be stepping down as Secretary
 - We are looking for a new Secretary
 - TN Council Meetings schedule is changing:
 - Two meetings in person – Cold Water Summit / Summer Meeting
 - Two meetings via zoom – Spring Meeting / Fall Meeting
 - Next Meeting September 7th at a location to be determined.
 - Next Meeting Location?
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:25.