



Tennessee Council Trout Unlimited

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TU Council Meeting Saturday, September 7, 2024 Zoom

- The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM
- Ryan Turgeon welcome and agenda review
- Approval of minutes: Approved
- Financial Report – Hunter Turgeon

Forecasted Budget

<i>Item</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expected</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income			
TU Membership Rebates	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,777.50
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	\$ 7,027.50
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	\$ 850.00
Food/Beverages (Council Meetings)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Total Expenses:	\$ 8,165.00	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 3,564.90
Net Operating Income/(Loss)²:	\$ (415.00)	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 3,462.60

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	\$ 5,777.50	\$ (1,587.34)	\$ 25,196.82
Conservation Account	\$116,233.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$116,233.35
TIC Account	\$ 15,352.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,352.77
Thurman Trout Camp	\$ 10,277.75		\$ -	\$ 10,277.75
Combined Balances:	\$162,870.53	\$ 5,777.50	\$ (1,587.34)	\$167,060.69

- Trout in the Classroom Update – Sean Fagan
 - Wade Dunaway is going to replace Mike Givney as the TN State Coordinator. Mike is currently training Wade.
- John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp Update – Sean Fagan
 - 2024 Camp
 - Camp went well
 - 18 Campers (4 girls, 14 boys)
 - 6 campers financially supported and sponsored
 - Great support from the chapters
 - Staff from most all chapters
 - Had lodging for the helper
 - 2025 Camp
 - 16 – 21 June
 - Stay at 18 campers (14 boys, 4 girls)
 - Flip Wednesday and Thursday due to Juneteenth
 - Tuition \$550 in state / \$750 out of state
 - Accept applications starting December 1st with first selection of campers in March.
 - Continue to increase chapter participation and number of volunteers
- Southern Appalachian Project – Jeff Wright
 - The NC Project Manager left in July. Jeff has been covering for him. Looking to hire NC and GA positions.
 - The Strategic Wood Loading project
 - Hiring started
 - Work to be completed in Jan-April 2025
 - Priority areas will be Laurel Fork and Briar Creek (OMTU to help with Briar Creek)
- TN Conservation Grant Program process report – Mike Ables
 - The following grants were approved:
 - Appalachian Chapter - \$12,104.75 – Reintroduction of Southern Appalachian Brook Trout into TWRA Region 4 watersheds
 - Clinch River Chapter - \$1,166 – Genetics of wild trout in Norris Tailwater
 - Clinch River Chapter - \$2,400 – Benthic Macroinvertebrate Survey
 - Little River Chapter - \$10,412 – Genetic Analyses of Remaining TN Brook Trout Populations within Great Smoky Mountains National Park
 - Music City Chapter - \$2,650.39 – Real-Time Monitoring System for the Caney Fork
 - Music City Chapter - \$7,738 – MCTU Youth Conservation Education Days
 - Overmountain Chapter - \$8,000 – Siltation and erosion prevention on the Left Prong of Hampton Creek
 - We will be making some changes to the grant process and will vote on it during the fall meeting.
 - We are planning to hold a grant writing class to help chapters create better grants
- TCTU Volunteer Coordinator – Ryan Turgeon
 - Mike Ables has volunteered to be the TCTU Volunteer Coordinator. He will be working with the TWRA and Jeff Wright similar to what we have in the GSMNP.

- Chapter Reports
 - Appalachian – no report
 - Cherokee – no report
 - Clinch River
 - Helped OMTU with TVA event on the South Holston River
 - Conducting a bug survey with TVA on the Clinch River
 - Bill Toth is the president
 - Trying to figure out why the Clinch River is not fishing well
 - Great Smoky Mountain – no report
 - Hiwassee
 - Fly-fishing 101 classes are going on
 - We may need some help with future events
 - Little River
 - We donated \$10,000 to GSM Fisheries
 - Completed culvert surveys
 - 4200 volunteer hours for the year
 - We will be at the Townsend Fall Heritage Festival 9/27-9/28
 - Little River Cleanup
 - We will be having our online auction 11/23-12/8
 - Music City
 - Formed a partnership with the Harpeth Conservancy. We will be hosting a series of river cleanups with them.
 - We will be having an event in the beginning of November
 - Auction
 - Food
 - Live Music
 - We are looking to create signs on how to properly handle fish. Post them on the Caney Fork.
 - Overmountain
 - Installed remote temperature sensors to the tailwaters.
 - Hosted a TVA fishing event on the South Holston
 - We will be hosting a Women’s Flyfishing Clinic on 9/21
 - Fly Fishing Film Tour on 10/5
 - Todd Burleson Cleanup on 9/28
 - Boat Ramp Cleanup on 10/12
 - Clarks Creek Cleanup on 11/16
- Announcements
 - Bill Watkins will be stepped down as Secretary
 - We are looking for a new Secretary
 - Next Meeting Location? December 7th Zoom meeting
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

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