



Tennessee Council Trout Unlimited

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TU Council Meeting Saturday, December 7, 2024 Zoom

- The meeting was called to order at 9:06AM
- 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	\$ 3,137.34
Insurance (Accident)	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00
Registration Fees (State of TN)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 140.00
Administrative Expenses (website, etc.)	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 179.85
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	\$ 4,462.19
Net Operating Income/(Loss)²:	\$ (415.00)	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 2,565.31

Account Balances

<i>Account</i>	<i>Book Balance (Reconciled)</i>	<i>Pending / Outstanding</i>	<i>Committed</i>	<i>Net Available</i>
Operating Account	\$ 25,036.87			\$ 25,036.87
Conservation Account	\$101,060.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$101,060.46
TIC Account	\$ 4,514.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,514.02
Thurman Trout Camp	\$ 8,612.37		\$ -	\$ 8,612.37
Combined Balances:	\$139,223.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$139,223.72

- Southern Appalachian Project – Jeff Wright
 - TU staff have not been very active in Tennessee for the past few months due to staff turnover.
 - The NC Project Manager left in July and focus shifted to imminent project implementation for the last few months.
 - The Southern Appalachians Program has hired an NC Project Manager and a GA Project Manager to better spread the workload.
 - This means that I am going to be able to shift some focus back to the work we have previously discussed for TN.
 - Wood Loading
 - Will be starting the third year of wood loading in January
 - We currently have 5 people hired for the team and are looking for a sixth
 - All of the current hires have saw certifications and good experience
 - Four of them worked on a strategic wood loading team on the South Zone of Cherokee National Forest this past winter and understand the goals and flow of the work.
 - We are also going to contract an experienced team from the Northeast for two weeks in January to focus on Laurel Fork in an effort to expedite the work and make up for lost time from last season.
 - The targets for this year’s program are the upper end of Laurel Fork, Briar Creek and Green Mountain Branch.

- John Thurman Trout Adventure Camp Update – Sean Fagan

- 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

- Finances – 2024

TN Council	\$21,000.00	
Camper Tuition	\$9,900.00	
GSMIT	(\$15,858.00)	Includes extra meals
Lodging	(\$6,756.93)	
Overnight Counselors (Mountain Challenge)	(\$1,000.00)	
Shirts	(\$1,058.00)	
Misc Supplies (Fly boxes, Ice, Leaders, Ect)	(\$543.79)	
Curtis Creek Manifesto Book/Camp Guide	(\$225.85)	
Gift Cards	(\$525.00)	
Food (Papa Johns)	(\$715.01)	\$215.01 overage, included ice
Conservation Fisheries (Snorkeling Event)	(\$750.00)	
Trailer Rental	(\$120.00)	
Website	(\$156.24)	
Contingency Funds	\$0.00	
Camp Curriculum Meeting	(\$2,089.06)	
Income	\$30,900.00	
Expense	(\$29,797.88)	

- Finances – 2025

Camper Tuition	\$9,900.00	
GSMIT	(\$18,150.00)	Includes extra meals, minus \$1650 deposit
Lodging	(\$11,000.00)	added \$3000 for Barndominium
Overnight Counselors (Mountain Challenge)	(\$2,000.00)	
Shirts	(\$1,500.00)	
Misc Supplies (Fly boxes, Leaders, Ect)	(\$1,000.00)	
Curtis Creek Manifesto Book/Camp Guide	(\$1,000.00)	
Gift Cards	(\$600.00)	
Food (ADVON/Papa Johns)	(\$750.00)	
Conservation Fisheries (Snorkeling Event)	(\$1,000.00)	
Trailer Rental	(\$250.00)	
Website	(\$260.40)	actual expense
Contingency Funds	(\$2,500.00)	Will be used to reserve 2026 Camp slot if not needed
Camp Staffing/Cirriculum Meeting	(\$4,000.00)	
Projected Income	\$9,900.00	
Projected Expenses	(\$44,010.40)	
Current Funds Available	\$9,114.76	
Request from TN Council	\$25,000.00	

- A \$25,000 budget from the Council was voted on and approved (Heather Blank-Lukenbill / Jim Reynolds)

- Trout in the Classroom Update – Mike Givney

- Lost some programs for this year due to Hurricane Helene
- The Erwin Hatchery is in good shape in spite of the storm
- Wade Dunaway is going to replace Mike Givney as the TN State Coordinator. Mike is currently training Wade.
- Financials

7/1-11/30/24		
Beginning Balance:	\$	6,253.44
Deposits:	\$	15,000.00
Total		\$21,253.44
Breakdown by Chapter:		
Hiwassee	\$	1,974.71
Clinch	\$	2,285.07
Little River	\$	2,190.88
Music City	\$	7,102.29
Cherokee	\$	1,253.71
OMTU	\$	-
Great Smoky Mountain	\$	-
Appalachian	\$	-
Total		\$14,806.66
Administrative Costs:		
Storage	\$	660.00
FedEx	\$	225.45
Administrative	\$	257.64
Fraudulent Charges	\$	658.57
Total		\$ 1,801.66
Ending Balance		\$ 4,646.02

- TN Conservation Grant Program process report – Mike Ables
 - A subcommittee is working on changes to the grant process
 - We originally planned to vote on the changes during this meeting, but it is taking longer than expected.
 - The changes should be completed in January 2025
 - The Council will vote on the changes during the next Council Meeting
 - Grant Writing Class is being planned for next year

- National Leadership Council Update – Mark Spanger
 - Proposal submitted from NLC New Initiative Committee and approved by NLC to accept proposal to make changes to the NLC. Next Step is for the NLC and their committee to implement the recommended changes.
 - New NLC Work Groups – Priority Waters Possible – Membership
 - National Zoom Calls
 - Dec. 10 – New Council Leader Orientation (Noon E.T.)
 - Jan. 16 – TU Training: Evolving the Chapter Meeting Model (2 p.m. E.T.)
 - Jan. 16 – Climate Change Workgroup Science Module (8 p.m. E.T.)
 - Feb. 13 – Climate Change Workgroup Adaptation Module (8 p.m. E.T.)
 - Next Regional is in West Virginia, Shepherdstown, April 24 -26 2025
 - Cost is \$500 for single room accommodation and Event Fee.
 - Replaces Southeast and Northeast Regionals this year.
 - **Sept. 24 – 28, 2025 [CX3 Twin Cities](#) (MMM Corporate Sponsor)**
 - Membership Review – State Council - 65% Solicitation from National - Mailings
 - Congratulations – Support Activities Helene – Tennessee Positive light
 - Nominations for (2) Grassroot Trustees coming up.
 - Looking for New NLC Representative for TN – Start October 2025

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

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