

## TENNESSEE COUNCIL, TROUT UNLIMITED

The winter meeting of TCTU held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN, was called to order at 12:30PM by chair, John Torchick. Those present were as follows:

Cumberland—Roger Hamiter, Dick Davis

TU National—Steve Moyer

GSM—Rick Murphree, George Lane

Cherokee—Jerry Whittel, Bill Bennett, Rick Hawk, Bob Ross, Lori Paris, Bill Durst, Ed Mueller, Allen Robbins, Paul Anderson

Clinch—Dick Geiger, Bill Guinn, Clayton Gist, John Thurman, Steve Brown

Overmountain—Ron Harrington

Hiwassee—Don Denney, John Torchick

Little River—Rufus King, Bill Bolinger

Delta—Jack Betchick

Appalachian—Steve Fry

Chair declared that a quorum was present. Motion to approve minutes from previous two meetings moved by Rufus King and second by Ron Herrington. Unanimous voice vote approved.

George Lane gave the treasurers report.

Rufus King moved that we fund from council funds the payment of 1 nights lodging for the chair and individual chapter representatives at the Southeastern meetings. License Plate funds from the Conservation Committee will provide funding for \$1000 contribution to Great Smoky Mountain National Park and \$2000 contribution to Trout Camp. Second by Dick Davis. Unanimous voice approval.

Dick Davis reported that he is in receipt of \$13,006.00 license plate funds and expects \$6,000.00 with the next disbursement.

Steve Fry presented the chapter grant program summary and applicable forms.

John Thurman and Jack Betchick in their Trout Camp report have received 9 applications. March 1, 2012 is the deadline for each chapter to fill their nomination. After that date, opening will be filled according to application date. Selections will be completed March 15, 2012 for up to 14 campers. Ross Rod Co. has donated 10 rods and council rod/reel outfits will be utilized. The camp will donate \$200.00 for van usage from a local church. Caps and t-shirts will be supplied to campers at no cost.

Alternate sites for meetings are being explored beyond Knoxville, with Nashville as an option.

Steve Moyer commented/updated on mitigation funding. The current budget is slated to be out 02/13/2012.

Bill Guinn encouraged all chapters to buy a table for the Troutfest banquet. Jason Borger will attend this year and comment on his role in filming "A River Runs Through It". It will be shown on Saturday evening to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its filming.

Don Denney motion to adjourn, second by Jack Betchick. Unanimous 2:33 PM