

TENNESSEE COUNCIL, TROUT UNLIMITED

Previous to the council meeting, Jim Herrig, USFS, reported on the successful experiment of transporting rainbow trout from Pheasant Field Hatchery to Green Cove Pond via horseback. 100% survival was reported and offers possible avenues for brook trout reintroduction into southern streams. USFS is in need of funding/grants for interns and housing at the hatchery. A board of directors has been mentioned for the Appalachian Brook Trout Hatchery to be comprised of members from TU, USFS and TWRA.

Jason Henegar, TWRA, presented information on the success he and Patricia Miller, Aquatic Education Trainer, have had on a pilot program of "Fishing in the Schools. It is featured on the TWRA website.

The January 29, 2011, meeting of TCTU was called to order by chair John Torchek at 1:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN. Present members were as follows:

Roger Hamiter, Dick Davis, CC

Rick Murphree, Don Byerly, George Lane, GSM

John Thurman, Dick Geiger, Frances Oates, Buzz Buffington, Bill Guinn, Steve Brown, Clayton Gist, CRC

Jack Betchick, DC

Bill Beazell, Randall Rogers, OMC

Don Denney, Mike Holden, John Torchek, HC

Rufus King, LRC

Jay Ebbert, Jonathon Robbins, Bill Durst, Lori Paris, Allen Robbins, Bill Bennett, ChC

Steve Fry, AC

The July 31, 2010, meeting minutes were read and approved. The December 14, 2010, meeting minutes were read, corrected and approved. The September 2010 meeting minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by TCTU treasurer, George Lane. John Thurman will be signatory on a separate account to be established for the 2011 Trout Camp in Tremont. The treasurer's report included the projected 2011 budget. An amendment to the budget for a \$350.00 donation for a TCTU advertisement in the Troutfest 2011 magazine was approved and the treasurer's report was approved as amended and read. Opening balance was reported as \$13,697.01 and closing balance was reported as \$2001.06

The TU license plate financial report as prepared by Rufus King and Dick Davis was given by Dick Davis. Funds available for conservation projects in 2011 were reported to be \$12,831. Chapter presidents are responsible for filing revenue distribution forms. Don Byerly moved that a committee be established to study the organization of a standing committee for review of applications from TCTU chapters soliciting monies for funding of their proposed conservation projects. The standing committee would be comprised of TCTU members on a rotating basis. The motion was adopted with Steve Brown, Bob Ross and Steve Fry being named to present the solution at the TCTU meeting May, 2011.

The Summer Trout Camp report was given by John Thurman and Jack Betchick. 8—12 campers can be accommodated. 5 applications have been completed. Chapters should have applications for campers completed by 03-01-2011. One preference will be given to a camper from each chapter. Once those slots have been filled, preference will be on order of application date. Each camper (12—15 years old) will leave camp with his/her own fly rod outfit as used in camp.

The National TU report was given by Rick Murphree. There has been a successful transition to Chris Woods from Charles Gauvin. TU continues on sound financial footing. New programs include “One TU” which is synthesis and integration of local, state, regional and national Trout Unlimited. “CAST”, Campaign for American Salmon and Trout will be showcased as well.

The Southeast Rally will be held in conjunction with Troutfest, May 12-14, 2011.

Due to time constraints, items on the meeting agenda not discussed and moved to later TCTU meetings were: Bottle Bill, Legislative Representative and Mountaintop Mining.

The motion to adjourn was approved.