

**Minutes from the TCTU Quarterly Business Meeting
Spring Meeting
SE Rally
April 29, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 1:15 PM

Attendees:

Appalachian: Robert Wilson
Charles Bagley

Cherokee: Bob Ross

Clinch River: Steve Brown (Council Chair)
Dick Geiger (Council Secretary)
Clayton Gist

Great Smoky Mountain: George Lane (Council Treasurer)
Rick Murphree (Board of Trustees)

Hiwassee: Don Denny
John Higdon

Little River: Mark Spangler

Overmountain: Perry Rindfleisch
John Dollard

National: Dave Rogers (Director for Volunteer Operations)

Minutes:

Minutes of the Winter TCTU Meeting were reviewed and accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer reported a balance of \$ 9217.42 through April 21, 2006. The report was accepted as read.

Chapter Reports:

The Chair requested that Chapters report only items of significance to the Council in the interest of (fishing) time. No Chapters chose to report.

Reports:

Board of Trustees (Rick Murphree): Kenny Mendez, Executive VP and COO for TU, has left the organization. National is actively searching for a replacement. Beginning this year, the annual meeting and the Board of Trustees meeting will be held the 3rd weekend in September. This year's annual meeting is in Minneapolis, MN. Every other year the meeting will be in Denver, CO.

National Leadership Council (Bill Haggard): No report

Chapter Committee: In the absence of the Chapter Committee Chair, the Council Chair reported that the CEI reports for 2005 had been received and submitted to National and he thanked the Chapters for their support.

Stewardship Committee: No report

Finance Committee: No report

Back the Brookie Campaign:

Education (Linda Good): None of the 6 grant applications was funded to pay for the interactive (DVD) learning module for high school students. However, the video is undergoing final editing. The Chair noted that a \$1000 pledge from a regional coal company was received. The consensus of the Council was that the Chapters would be encouraged to fund the remaining \$4000 for the video. The Chair will make the request to the Chapters via email.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning: No action has been taken since the last quarterly meeting to complete the Council's strategic plan. Consensus determined that the completion of the strategic planning be delayed until the next officers are on board. The new officers would revisit the strategic plan after they are informed of the Council's goals

New Business:

The Chair noted 4 new attendees at the Council meeting.

Nominations for Officers: The Chair indicated that Rick Murphree would chair a committee for the nomination of officers to serve TCTU from September 2006 through July 2008. Don Denny, Tom Eustis, and Bill Haggard were other names for the nominating committee. Please contact Rick Murphree if you would like to serve on the nominating committee. The Chair requested 3 names from each Chapter to serve as officers or committee chairs.

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV): The EBTJV campaign is about to take off with a press release on Wednesday, May 3rd. TU has been selected as the EBTJV organization to make the initial contact because of its grassroots membership and its media contacts. The Chair has a spreadsheet listing TN newspapers that should be contacted after May 3rd and provided with information on the venture. Additional copies of the pamphlet *Eastern Brook Trout: Status and Threats* are available from TU National for distribution to outdoor writers at newspapers. No newspaper is too small to be contacted.

Donation to GSMNP: A motion to donate \$1000 to support the GSMNP's follow up work on Sam's Creek was seconded and passed.

Volunteer Leadership Training: Only the Cherokee and Clinch River Chapters have donated \$125 (to be matched by the Trustees) to fund volunteer training by the Volunteer Operations staff. It was recommended that the remaining chapters contribute so that training could be scheduled and completed before the new Council officers took office in the fall.

Announcements/Schedule Meetings

The next TCTU meeting will be on Saturday, July 29, 2006 after the Coldwater Meeting.

****ACTION****Form nominating committee and propose names to for each Council office (Murphree)

****ACTION****Remaining 6 chapters to remit \$125 each to the Council Treasurer for Leadership Training (Lane)

****ACTION****Schedule and complete Leadership training of new officers prior to October 2006 (Brown)

****ACTION****Replace Ernie Paquette on the Legislative Review Committee (Brown)

****ACTION****Contact newspaper writers/editors re: the *Eastern Brook Trout: Status and Threats* (All)

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM