

TCTU Summer Council MEETING MINUTES as approved on October 4, 2003
Saturday 26 July, 2003
Held at 1:00 PM at First Tennessee Bank
Following AM TVA Coldwater meeting in Knoxville, TN

TCTU Secretary's note: If you have corrections/additions, please take time now to call directly to (865) 428-3377 or send to king@wyomong.com. Don Denney will post these minutes at www.tctu.org and after our next meeting will be shown as "approved".

Quarterly Business Meeting

Call to order Approximately 1:00 PM

Minutes of Summer Council meeting. It was moved that the minutes be accepted, the motion was seconded and put to a vote, passing unanimously. Now posted to web site "as approved".

The TCTU Council will cover the cost for Steve Brown to attend the TU National meeting in Colorado; this was approved by the TCTU on 26 April, 2003.

Howard Kingsbury and Mark Spangler have reported on clean air issues. They are responsible to work on a TCTU position paper from the preponderance of data available and being developed with it seems expanding velocity. Generally it seems clear that specific initiatives can be helpful. Current references include a U of VA study, TVA data, Jim Renfro of GSMNP compilations and presentations, SAMI, GSMNP "Air Quality" publication, NPS, Senator Lamar Alexander's office, etc.

Chapter reports

Cherokee. The Mott Grant is winding down; Embrace A Stream grant of \$2500 won for Horse Creek. Cumberland. Attendance is good. 60-65 of 200-300 attend. Focused on new members, "how to" programs, fly tying, raffles.

Appalachian. August 22/23 stocking work near Tellico, they needed help, reservations needed, breakfast included. Had 200 help with cleanup.

Hiwassee. Celebrated their 10th anniversary in June.

Little River. The Little River Chapter is coordinating the PR Workshop on September 23. Added information coming and available from Tom Eustis. About 30 attend regularly. Good speakers, all fishing experience oriented, raffle, newsletter and projects help.

Clinch River. About 30 or 30% of members attend regularly. Programs are better, have main meeting, then break into smaller groups for mini-topics after main program like fly tying, hot flies, etc.

Repeat information: In the new structure of TU national, the National Resource Board (NRB - composed of three representatives from each of ten regions) will be dissolved and be replaced by the National Leadership Council (NLC), composed of one representative from each State Council. The regional structure, and the position of regional vice president (RVP) will be dissolved, and the RVPs, who formerly sat on the Board of Trustees, will be replaced by new positions called Grassroots Trustees, who will have all the same rights and privileges as other trustees. Each state council may place one name in nomination for a Grassroots Trustee, and the NLC will form a committee to select eight nominees to be voted on by the entire TU membership at the national meeting.

In our prior meeting the TCTU nominating committee nominated Rick Murphree for our NLC representative, and the council elected him. In addition, the nominating committee recommended Rick Murphree as our nominee to the NLC for the position of Grassroots Trustee, and the council voted to follow the committee recommendation. Rick was to serve as NLC Representative until October 2004, unless he is voted in as a Grassroots Trustee, in which case he will resign from the NLC and we will elect someone to fill out his term. That is what happened.

Rick Murphree reported as NLC Representative and announced that he has also been elected as a Grassroots Trustee creating the need for the TCTU to elect a new NLC Representative.

The meeting went into recess so the executive committee could review nominees and elect the new NLC representative. Four qualified candidates were considered seriously and Steve Fry was elected and accepted the nomination. He was elected unanimously. He agreed to make arrangements to attend the TU National Meeting in Colorado.

Chapters Committee chairman, Bill Guinn, with the help of Hal Mattraw is working on a STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT.

Old Business:

National is working on a new policy and has dropped the new member fee to \$17.50?, there is debate as to how much of that will be returned to the chapters but a small portion is expected. The disparity between renewing through a Chapter (\$35) vs. direct (\$15) remains. We await the policy.

Regarding joining the TCL. Rick Murphree completed research. It was proposed that we join under the \$100 program and that we will receive 4 newsletters. A motion was made, seconded and passed. Rick will submit the form.

TU License Tags - No discussion at this meeting. Needs someone to work on this is they want to pursue. The suggestion was made at a prior meeting by Mark Spangler and accepted with enthusiasm that a full color brookie on the plate would have widespread marketability and appeal. Tom has subsequently reported that: Contacted the State of TN Title & registration (615-741-3101 ext 158) folks today and was told the following:

1. A TN Legislator must introduce a bill for a plate like we talked about. Suggest that someone on the council contact a legislator that they know.
2. Minimum of 1000 individuals must be prepared to pay \$35, or \$70 if personalized, for the license plate.

The agreement with GSMNP is to be first reviewed by Steve Moore and should be in the coming months when he has time. It is expired in August, is nearly 10 years old, and is 6 pages long. It has been very successful, needs to be renewed and a PR splash announcement/event when renewed.

Committee staffing - volunteers for each committee, suggestions for chair and other members - Not enough volunteers have come forward at this point. Those participating should consider and let Steve know plus think about others in their chapter who would serve well and speak to them and Steve.

Trish Patterson - Stewardship Committee Chair.

Bill Guinn - Chapters Committee Chair.

TCTU Policy statements - determine what we need and assign writers.

Chapters were again asked by Steve Brown to prepare, report in future on: (Steve will design a form, forward): Number of members; Average attendance; Best meeting idea; Meeting dates; Event Dates past and pending; If increase in membership and /or attendance, Why do you think that happened? ; Best Ideas/why/lessons learned; Lousy ideas/ why/lessons learned

Announcements:

-Visit the TCTU web site and the web sites of the other TU state chapters in NC, GA, SC, VA, and WV? in our region.

- Other Calendar Postings:

January 24, 2004 (1/31 snow backup) TCTU meet after TU/TVA coldwater meet at Knoxville

April ? 2004

TCTU meet during SE Rally, likely in NC

Adjourn at 4:00 PM approximate.

Sincerely, Howard Kingsbury, TCTU Secretary