

MEETING MINUTES as Approved on 1/25/03
Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited (TCTU henceforth)
Saturday November 9, 2002, 9:00AM-2:00PM
At Cumberland Mountain State Park (Crossville, TN)
(Action items have leading)**

A) In attendance (6 Chapters represented):

Great Smoky Mt	George Lane	865 560 9663
Great Smoky Mt	Don Nalls	865 690 9216/ 777 2479
Clinch River Ch	Dick Geiger	865 457 1228/ 482 9879 x 234
Appalachian	Tom Howard	423 842 8965/ 751 2480
Little River	Howard Kingsbury	865 428 3377
Appalachian	Steve Fry	423 855 5897
Little River	Mark Spangler	865 988 7444
Cumberland	Bill Haggard	615 425 2225
TU National	Kim Ryals	828 275 3346
Cumberland	Jim Witey	931 761 3462
Hiwassee	John Torchick	423 559 1419
Hiwassee	Don Denney	423 478 5451
Clinch River Ch	Steve Brown	865 482 0394

Meeting opened and presided over to start by current chairman, Steve Fry.

B) Election of new officers was held using Roberts Rules of Order with nominations, motions, seconds, members voting. All votes were unanimous:

Council Chairman: Steve Brown

865-482-0394 wsbrown@ix.netcom.com

Council Vice Chairman: Bill Haggard

615-646-3540 bhreg@aol.com

Secretary: Howard Kingsbury (Note: proposed division of Sec-Treas office that was combined, needing revision of TCTU By-Laws)

865-428-3377 king@wyoming.com

Treasurer: George Lane

865-560-9663 geolane@bellsouth.net

C) Extensive discussion of "Proposed Structure of the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited" document prepared by Steve Brown in advance. Original Document attached. Votes approved changes below: ** Steve Brown to revise and submit for approval at next meeting.

-Mission adopted: **To conserve, protect, and restore Tennessee's coldwater fisheries by leading statewide advocacy efforts and by nurturing chapter development and grassroots conservation.**

-Pg 1: -CS para, line 3: change "the" to "an" to allow for two year terms.

-Officers para line 1: change "one-year" to "a two", change "the" to "a"

-Much discussion, conclusion was two-year term for all officers

-Delegates definition accepted

-Pg 2: Committee Chairs and Members paragraphs accepted, to be TU members (non-TU "advisors" could only serve in an ex-officio capacity with no voting rights).

-Committees and functions:

1) Exec committee to be officers

2) Chapter Relations Committee now named Chapters Committee

3) Oversight Committee now named Stewardship Committee. Rewording to emphasize contact and relationships with more than government and agencies (Associations, Organizations with common or supporting or helpful missions for TU).

4) The Issues committee will be a subcommittee of Stewardship to look for new strategic projects and opportunities. There was much discussion about application of resources to long term projects critical to TCTU mission versus resources devoted to "fires" that we know will occur.

5) (Now #4) Fundraising Committee now named Finance Committee. Added responsibility will be to help Chairman develop the budget.

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-Council Meetings: Line 1: Will be held four times/year versus 2 times per year.

-Quorum: Motion passed that a quorum is achieved when a majority of TCTU chapters are represented at the meeting.

-**Meeting dates reported or set are:

January 25, 2003	Following TU/TVA coldwater meeting at Knoxville
April 25-27, 2003	During SE (TN/NC/SC/GA) Retreat, Tuxedo, NC
July 26, 2003	Following TU/TVA coldwater meeting at Knoxville
October 4, 2003	Cumberland Mountain State Park

D) Other business, discussions:

-**Minutes of this meeting need to be distributed to attendees and Steve Brown will forward to Chapter Presidents and /or representative not in attendance.

-**TCTU is responsible to strengthen our TWRA relationship.

-**TCTU needs to do all we can to strengthen the coordination of TU, TVA, TWRA, Corps of Engineers, Park Service, and Commissioners.

-Governor Elect Bredesen is a fly fisherman, Don Nalls worked on campaign. **As with all political, agency and other appropriate organizations, we need to seek and develop a positive relationship.

-A Notice of Availability of Clean Stream Grants from TWRA was distributed, had been sent by Steve Fry to Chapter Presidents on 11/7.

-**Steve Brown is seeking workshop budget information from TU National for future reference and planning.

-**Major opportunity: Corps of Engineers has asked TU for help with the Caney Fork River as reported by Bill Haggard. Steve Brown and TU National will work with Bill and the Cumberland Chapter to follow up, further work outside this meeting.

-The attached document titled "Chapter Relations Proposed Guidelines dated 11/6/02 was accepted and approved. **The need to promote membership renewals to be submitted to the chapters versus national to increase local revenue was discussed.

**Dick Geiger of CRC volunteered to research the facts and write a letter by 12/1 to be submitted to this body for approval that will be sent to TU National requesting a change in revenue sharing. **George Lane volunteered to then draft a release for TCTU approval to explain to TCTU Chapters and chapter members their options (to include TCTU recommendations).

-The attached Draft of the TCTU Proposed Communications Policy was discussed, agree to with no major changes.

-TCTU passed a resolution unanimously that stated that this council wants to be on record as requesting a change to be defined whereby local TCTU chapters receive \$5 or a percentage of membership renewals regardless of where the member files and pays the renewal.

-**East TN TU Chapters have begun to talk about a joint banquet.

-**It was requested and agreed to by Steve Brown that an agenda will be published in advance for the next meeting to include watershed items and the revised/redrafted bylaws will be ready for approval of the TCTU council.

-**There were several discussions of the need for TU National to help to fund state councils and chapters as the organization has changed with new responsibilities pushed down from TU National.

-There was lively discussion on the need for state leadership and coordination when working with or dealing with agencies but seemed to be agreed that front line TU chapters take the front-line and leadership role on their watershed and that TCTU support them with TCTU umbrella positions that meet the TN and National TU missions. **This could include wider communications of the TU Chapter's position and work on the watershed, added visibility with top agency leaders, and support with other agencies, organizations, associations, releases to the press and other PR.

-**Steve Brown requested that each chapter prepare a report consisting of

1) Their chapter's major accomplishments of the past year.

2) Plan/objectives for the coming year

3) Complaints concerning or needs of the TCTU council. It was suggested from the floor that there likely need to be requested verbally or personally or the likelihood of receiving written complaints is low.

-**Kim Ryals will lead to draft several ideas for a keystone state project. Volunteers to help and do a preliminary review are: John Torchick, Don Nalls, Steve Fry, and Bill Haggard.

-**Don Denney will be working with Steve Brown to initiate, develop and maintain a web site. (First version up at this writing with links to existing TCTU chapter sites! Fantastic!

-**Steve Brown is reformatting the Council Roster, preparing a chapter President and chapter contact roster. If you have changes to what was known on prior printed lists, please update him now. The TCTU Secretary will distribute a new roster in the next week or so when we will ask you to check what we have if you did not update Steve Brown.

Sincerely, Howard Kingsbury, TCTU Secretary