

TENNESSEE COUNCIL, TROUT UNLIMITED

The December 14, 2010, 8:00 pm teleconference meeting of the Tennessee Council of Trout Unlimited was called to order by chair John Torchik. Roll call was taken and all chapters were represented except Appalachian and Little River.

John Torchik reported that the September 20, 2010 minutes would need to be approved at the council meeting January 29, 2011. Anyone wishing to add items to the agenda for said meeting should e mail items to the chair. George Lane will be responsible for refreshments for the Cold Water Conference at TVA in the AM and the Tenn. Council meeting to follow at Westminster Presbyterian.

Sending tackle from one chapter to another was discussed. UPS, members ferrying rods, free rods from TU National, Orvis and other manufacturers were also topics of discussion with no conclusions. John Torchik volunteered to explore these matters further.

The Southeastern TU Rally will be held May 12—14, 2011, in conjunction with Trout fest. John Torchik and George Lane will head up our efforts and talk with Jim Herrig, USFS Tellico Hatchery, about presenting his program on supplying southern states with Brook Trout appropriate for stocking their streams.

Rick Murphree spoke with Squeak Smith and John Ross about the hosting of the 2012 TU Annual meeting in Kingsport by the Southeast Region of TU, aided by state and local chapters. Discussions will be held at the Southeastern Rally before a proposal will be made to National TU.

George Lane reported on the failed arbitration between off road vehicle representatives and the US Forest Service due to the \$10 million cost of supplying alternative sites for their vehicles in the Tellico area.

John Thurman and Jack Betchik gave an update on the Summer 2011 Great Smoky Mountains Aquatic Biology and Trout Fishing Adventure. Dates are June 20—25, 2011. Chapters need to identify campers, mentors are needed for fly tying and fly fishing and chaperones had been found. Background checks are not needed for mentors. Great Smoky Mountains Institute has been contracted to run the camp. Additional mentor names should be brought to the January meeting. Room and board is at the mentors own expense. Applications for campers are currently being accepted. TWRA may arrange for a trout release for the campers and Byron Begley may arrange for blue gill and trout pond fishing for campers.

George Lane said \$1000.00 was spent to send John Torchik to National meetings and treasurer reports were generally not given at meetings.

John Torchik's chapter visit agenda will be supplied by him after January 1, 2011. Motion to adjourn by George Lane was seconded by Frances Oates and approved verbally by teleconference attendees.