**Minutes of meeting held at The Ledges on 2/4/17**

**PRESIDING:** Jeff Wright, President

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Sunderland, Bill Watkins, Sean Fagan, Chris Lennon, Shannon O’Quinn, Ryan Turgeon

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The council meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by Jeff Wright. A review of the agenda gone over.

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*FINANCIAL REPORT (Sean):**

January beginning balance: $14482.87

Deposits: 1/31 $0.61 Interest

Checks: 1/24 $147.82 Jeff Wright (Fishing Rods CK 1037)

Ending Balance: $14335.66

Committed Funds $10,000.00 Briar Creek Project

$1,000.00 Erwin Film Festival

$925.00 Thirsty Orange

$400.00 Bill Beazell/Tailwater Roundup

Available Balance: $2010.66

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Website Update (Ryan):**

Ryan gave an update on the website. He is going to meet with Gary and plans to have the current website updated by the February 12th. He plans to have phase one of the new website in place by March 14th. Additional phases of the website will be brought online at later dates, possible to include an online store, leadership chat room, etc. Ryan is going to see if we need to renew our domain name.

**Conservation Update (Shannon)**:

Shannon is working on the plan for next year. If anyone wants to help please let Shannon know. We talked about maybe revisiting Frog Level to see if some of the work we did in the past needs to be redone. We need to provide manpower to building the culvert at Briar Creek. Shannon is going to contact Marcia to check on the progress at Briar Creek.

**Bill Beazell Cleanup (Bill W)**:

We are teaming up with the Tailwater Roundup this year. The South Holston Lodge is meeting at the weir dam on the South Holston River. We are responsible for the Watauga River. We will get with EFO and work on the Bluffs. Jeff is trying to contact Carter County Proud to see if they want to work on the Lovers Lane/Moose Lodge area. We are responsible for the giveaways. Main giveaways will be at the weir dam at 4:00PM. We will also have giveaways at the Bluffs. There was a motion for the amount of money for the giveaways, $300 main and $100 for the Bluffs (Bill Watkins/Bill Sunderland). Sean is going to send out a list of the giveaway items for us to vote on next week. The South Holston Lodge is taking care of the generation schedule. Bill S, Bill W, and Gary are leading this event.

**Thirsty Orange (Jeff)**:

The dates for the event are April 7th and 8th. Jeff is hoping to have the permits submitted on Monday. The leaders of the Thirsty Orange would like us to be more interactive at the festival. We are hoping to have tickets and posters for the February general membership meeting. Motion to approve $850 for insurance and $75 for ABC permit (Bill W/Chris).

**Erwin Festival (Chris)**:

The festival is May 6th from 9:00AM-8:00PM. The committee has been formed. Kelly is going to EFO to solicit help for the fly tying and casting demonstrations. We are trying to get Ben to talk about the Watauga River and Huck to do the casting demo. We are currently looking for sponsorships. We are working with Project Healing Waters to get some representatives there. The casting pond will cost $250; Bill W is trying to get Cabela’s to pay for that. We are going to try to get some other area guides to speak at the event. The rental of the theatre is $150. EFO and Overmountain Sports are selling tickets to the event in their shops. Tickets prices are $12 in advance and $15 at the door.

**Youth Outreach (Chris):**

Trout in the Classroom - Emmitt Elementary is interesting in keeping TIC. It should be about $300 for the next year.

Nolifiest – 1st weekend in April. They want us to do a kids demo between 2:00PM-3:00PM. We need to commit by the end of February. Thought about maybe doing Gary’s bug presentation and a casting pond.

**Other News:**

We will plan the annual meeting during the March board meeting**.**

**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

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| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBILITY** | **DUE DATE** |
| Ask Mike Adams to do a fly tying demo for the next general meeting | Ryan | 2/9/17 |
| Obtain camera and tripod to record the fly tying demo for the website | Ryan | 2/20/17 |
| Contact Marcia to check on the status of the Briar Creek project | Shannon |  |
| Contact Carter County Proud to see if they have people to clean up the Lovers Lane/Moose Lodge area for the Bill Beazell cleanup | Jeff |  |
| Contact Robert Lincoln and the Nature Conversancy about river access | Bill W |  |
| Send out a list of giveaway items for the Tailwater Roundup | Sean |  |
| Submit permits for the Thirsty Orange | Jeff |  |
| Talk to EFO about Erwin Festival | Chris / Kelly |  |
| Ask Cabela’s about donations for Erwin Festival | Bill W |  |
| Update current website | Ryan | 2/12/17 |
| Implement phase 1 of the new website | Ryan | 3/14/17 |

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM. Jeff motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill W.