**Minutes of meeting held at The Den on 9/12/17**

**PRESIDING:** Jeff Wright, President

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Sunderland, Bill Watkins, Sean Fagan, Ryan Turgeon, Laura Thompson

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Jeff Wright. A review of the agenda gone over.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve August minutes (Ryan):** Minutes were approved (Sean / Bill W)

* One correction was added. The Todd Burleson Cleanup is Sept 30th

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

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| Starting Balance as of September 1: | | | | |  |
|  |  | $ 15,092.13 | |  | |
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| Deposits: | |  | |  | |
|  |  | $ 2,678.72 | | Final Thirsty Orange Payment | |
|  |  | $ 0.53 | | Interest | |
| Debits: | |  | |  | |
|  |  | $ 100.00 | | Bristol Chamber of Commerce (S. Holston Clean-up) (CK 1047) | |
|  |  | $ 10,000.00 | | The Nature Conservancy (Briar Creek) (CK 1046) | |
|  |  | $ 225.08 | | That Fish Place (TIC ??) (POS) | |
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| Upcoming Bills: | |  | |  | |
|  | 5/1/2017 | $ 150.00 | | Boone Watershed Partnership (Have not received anything) | |
|  | 9/1/2017 | $ 50.00 | | Todd Burleson Memorial Clean-up | |
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| Ending Balance: | | |  |  | |
|  |  | $   7,446.30 | |  | |
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| Current Outstanding Commitments: | | | | | |
|  |  | $   474.92 | | TIC FY17 & FY18 (Remaining from initial 700) | |
|  |  | $   1,200.00 | | December Banquet Budget | |
|  |  | $ 500.00 | | TNTU Trout Camp Sponsorship | |
|  |  | $ 690.00 | | TNTU Trout Camp (Girl/Women’s Clinic Proceeds) | |
|  |  | $ 175.00 | | Memberships for Women's Clinic Memberships | |
|  |  | $ 200.00 | | Help pay for attendance at TU National Event | |
| Remaining Available: | | | |  | |
|  |  | $ 4,006.38 | |  | |
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| Current Forecast for end of FY Balance: | | | | | |
|  |  | $ 7,246.30 | | Without Brewhibition proceeds factored in ($3,239.92 is committed for next FY) | |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**David Ramsey Presentation (David Ramsey)**:

* The movement started about 4 years ago
* NETRIP
* David was tasked with outdoor recreation component
* Wanted to create an NRA in Cherokee National Forest
* The NRA wasn’t working out so the three counties decided to work together (Washington, Carter, Unicoi).
* They decided to get a couple quick projects out there to earn some credibility
  + Johnson County - Use an old logging road to make a new trail
  + Carter County – New parking lot at the Blue Hole
  + Washington County – Revamp Buffalo Mountain Park. Add some new trails.
* They are trying to determine a name for the effort
* Need to get backing and funding
* They want to bring more hi-tech jobs to the area
* They are working to build relationships with the forest service.
* David will come back to give a full presentation at our members meeting to get us as a stakeholder in the effort. This will take place after the first of the year.

**Briar Creek Update (Jeff)**:

* The work has been started.
* They don’t need us for the culvert installation.
* They will need our help for rebuilding the stream bed once the culvert is installed. This will most likely be a Friday in September.

**Kid’s Fishing Day for October (Jeff)**:

* Decided on Saturday October 21st.
* We are going to have another small event at USA Raft.
* David Ramsey suggested Fishery Park if we wanted a bigger event in the future.
* Bill Watkins will provide the food.
* Jeff will do a “bug” demo for the kids.
* Laura will have a casting demo.
* We will find someone for a fly tying demo.
* We need everyone to bring long handled nets.
* Sean and maybe JP can do some outreach.
* Board approved $100 for supplies (Bill S / Ryan).

**Todd Burleson Cleanup Giveaways (Jeff)**:

* The cleanup is September 30th in Roan Mountain
* Approve $50 for giveaways (Bill W / Bill S)
* We will purchase five $10 gift cards to Walmart and Lowes.

**Fishing Days (Sean):**

* Our next event is Friday September 15th (Sycamore Shoals)

**Annual Meeting (Jeff):**

* The contract with the Doubletree is finalized.
* The buffet will be $29 per person.
* The board voted on price of $35 per ticket for the dinner. (Bill W / Sean)
* The Rutter’s have been booked as our speaker.
* Auction
  + Bamboo rod
  + Donated fly tying materials
  + Fly boxes w/ flies
    - The board members are to tie up 2 dozen flies for each box to auction off.
  + Sean is going to send out a list of the discounted items. The board will decide what items to get to sell at the auction. Rods, reels, sling packs, nets, etc.
* We need to start soliciting companies for sponsorships. Jeff is going to send the sponsorship letter out to the board.

**Other News:**

* Bill Watkins will work with Huck for the Watauga River cleanup
* The TU National meeting will be in Roanoke, VA September 27th- 30th. Jeff will be attending.

**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

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| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBILITY** | **DUE DATE** |
| Send Ryan a picture and bio for the web page. | All | 9/29 |
| Talk to Brewhibition about getting our money | Jeff | 9/29 |
| Talk to Cherokee about a joint project at Rocky Fork | Jeff | 9/29 |
| Talk to the Clinch River Chapter about fishing days | Bill W | 9/29 |
| Send out sponsorship letter | Jeff | 9/22 |
| Check into prices for audio/visual equipment | Jeff | 9/12 |
| Find out if the Rutters need a hotel room for the annual dinner | Jeff | 9/29 |
| Ask Daniel Back about lawyer friend making a donation for the annual dinner | Ryan | 9/22 |
| Ask JP about Siemens making a donation | Ryan | 9/22 |
| Email list of discounted items for the annual dinner auction | Sean | 9/14 |
| Decide what items we would like to auction at the annual dinner and tell Sean at the members meeting | All | 9/19 |

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM. Bill Watkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sean Fagen.