**Minutes of meeting held at Smokehouse BBQ on 8/8/17**

**PRESIDING:** Jeff Wright, President

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Jeff Wright. A review of the agenda gone over.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve July minutes (Ryan):** Minutes were approved (Shannon / Bill W)

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

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| Starting Balance as of August 1: |  |
|  |  |  $ 15,200.99  |  |
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| Deposits: |  |  |
|  |  |  $ 25.00  | Womens Clinic Lunch Donation |
|  |  |  $ 25.00  | Womens Clinic Lunch Donation |
|  |  |  $ 18.00  | Membership Payment (Jeff Mann) |
|  |  |  $ 200.00  | Reimbursement for SE Regional from TN Council |
|  |  |  $ 0.64  | Interest |
| Debits: |  |  |
|  |  |  $ 360.00  | Bank Street (Womens Clinic Lunches) (POS) |
|  |  |  $ 17.50  | TU (Jeff Mann Membership) (POS) |
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| Upcoming Bills: |  |  |
|  | 5/1/2017 |  $ 150.00  | Boone Watershed Partnership (Have not received anything) |
|  |  8/1/2017 |  $ 100.00  | Bristol Chamber of Commerce (SoHo Clean-up) |
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| Ending Balance: |  |  |
|  |  |   $   15092.13  |  |
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| Current Outstanding Commitments: |
|  |  |  $   10,000.00  | Briar Creek (Will discuss with Mark Spangler this week) |
|  |  |  $   1,200.00  | December Banquet Budget |
|  |  |  $ 500.00  | TNTU Trout Camp Sponsorship |
|  |  |  $ 690.00  | TNTU Trout Camp (Girl/Women’s Clinic Proceeds) |
| Remaining Available: |  |
|  |  |  $ 4,695.08  |  |
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| Current Forecast for end of FY Balance: |
|  |  |  $ 7,085.08  | Without Brewhibition proceeds factored in ($2390.00 is committed for next FY) |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Membership Update (Dale/Jeff)**:

* We have right around 290-300 members.
* The new email system is working well. About 40% of our members are reading the emails.

**Conservation Update / Hampton Creek (Shannon/Gary)**:

* Briar Creek
	+ We transferred the $10,000 for the culvert this week
	+ Shannon hopes to have the schedule for the work in the next couple of weeks.
* Hampton Creek
	+ We have verbal approval for a $3,452.50 grant from the license plate fund. The total cost of the project will be around $12,000, with the remainder of the money coming from an NRCS grant.
	+ This money will go towards installing a low water bridge/cattle crossing to help prevent erosion and muddying of the water. It will also provide improvements to the road through the property.
	+ We are hoping to do this work in the October timeframe.
* Todd Burleson Cleanup
	+ This is scheduled for September 30th
	+ We will provide some prizes and set up our display. We will also have some manpower for the cleanup.
* Andy Brown will be at our October board meeting to talk to us about some conservation opportunities.
* David Ramsey will be at our September board meeting
* Shannon is going to contact TWRA about the Blevins Road access ramp.
* Shannon will have access to trees for planting in February. How do we want to use them?

**Women’s Initiative (Linda)**:

* Laura Thompson will be taking over as the Women’s Initiative Leader. We will talk to here next month at the board meeting to see if she wants to become a member of the board.
* We want to look at the possibility of doing a women’s event on Public Lands Day. TVA may be willing to donate some money for an event on that day.
* Linda will provide a follow-up note to the women that attended the event in July and send it to Jeff. Jeff will email it out to the women from the OMTU account.
* Board voted on providing memberships to the ten (10) women that attend the event in July. Motion to spend a max of $175 for memberships (Bill W / Bill S). We will end up getting $150 of this back from National.

**Cold Beer for Conservation (Jeff)**:

* August 17th at JC Brewing Company, 5-9PM
* $1.00 from every pint sold that evening will go to OMTU
* They will be having a special cream ale infused with Ginseng and Blackberry

**Fishing Days Recap/Future Plans (Sean/Chris):**

* August 4th in Butler we had 3 people. Thunderstorm came through about 30 minutes before
* We have more events planned for the following dates:
	+ August 26th will be moved to August 27th (USA Raft)
	+ September 9th (Shady Valley)
	+ September 19th will be moved to September 15th (Sycamore Shoals)

**TIC Funding/Plans (Chris)**:

* Both schools will need $100 restocking kit. They will also need $140 for the egg collecting field trip.
* Motion to provide $700 for TIC over the next two (2) years (Bill W / Ryan)

**TWRA Trout Management Plan Comments (Jeff)**:

* Bill Watkins will markup the current plan and send it to Linda by Sunday, August 13th
* Everyone should read the plan and send comments to Bill Watkins by Friday, August 11th.

**Strategic Planning Follow-up (Jeff)**:

* We will be holding a separate meeting in October to cover the strategic planning

**Audio/Visual Equipment Purchase (Jeff)**:

* Jeff suggested the OMTU purchase a microphone/speaker and an easel for our monthly member’s meetings. He will check on prices and we will vote on it at a future meeting.
* We may look into purchasing a smaller display.

**Holston River Cleanup (Jeff)**:

* Saturday, August 12th
* Ron Harrington told Jeff that he has plenty of people to man the signup stations. We just need to make sure people show up to help clean up.

**Annual Meeting (Jeff):**

* The Rutter’s have been booked as our speaker.
* We are booked at the Doubletree Hotel in Johnson City
* We need to decide on a menu by November 5th and we need to have a final head count by December 1st.

**Other News:**

* The Orvis Rendezvous will be in Asheville in February.
* The TU National meeting will be in Roanoke, VA September 27th- 30th. The board voted to spend $200 to help send someone to the meeting (Bill W / Chris)

**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

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| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBILITY** | **DUE DATE** |
| Send Ryan a picture and bio for the web page.  | All | 8/18 |
| Talk to TWRA about the fishing ramp project | Shannon |  |
| Get a copy of the Project Healing Waters memo | Sean |  |
| Markup the TWRA Trout Management Plan and send it to Linda | Bill Watkins | 8/13 |
| Send comments for the TWRA Trout Management Plan to Bill Watkins so he can incorporate them into the plan  | All | 8/11 |
| Check into prices for audio/visual equipment | Jeff | 9/12 |
| Draft a follow-up note for the women that attended the Women’s Event in July and send it to Jeff | Linda |  |
| Send Linda’s note out to the women | Jeff |  |

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM. Sean Fagen motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Lennon.