Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 9/8/2026

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Elliott, Evan McDougall, Rhett Morris, Ryan Turgeon, Michael Fick, Jon Kempton, Nichole Fick

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Rhett Morris. Agenda reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Previous Meeting Notes: Approved - Yes Motioned: J. Kempton
Second: M. Fick

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NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

August 2026

$	8,336.44	Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
$	51,663.67	Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
$	**60,000.11**	Starting balance as of 8-01-2026
$	8,002.97	Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
$	51,817.68	Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
$	**59,820.65**	Ending balance as of 8-31-2026

DEPOSITS		
$	154.01	Dividend (Edward Jones)
$	0.31	Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
$	2,270.00	Raffle ticket sales
$	**2,424.32**	**Total Deposits**

EXPENSES		
$	(16.42)	Calendar app
$	(1,286.16)	Storage unit (6 months)
$	(21.90)	Ice / water for Meet the Mountains
$	(284.85)	Food for Trout Madness Tournament
$	(805.00)	Raffle winner prize
$	(189.45)	Member meeting room rental / food
$	**(2,603.78)**	**Total Expenses**

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS
$ 45,158.22

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS		
$	(2,136.00)	TIC
$	(857.65)	DRIFT
$	(402.50)	Gift Memberships
$	(100.00)	sign board updates
$	(500.00)	small display board for pint nights, etc.
$	(263.44)	Materials for level sensors
$	(250.00)	CleanMyWater Initiative
$	(172.10)	Fly tying vices & tools
$	(181.05)	Cases for fly tying materials
$	(312.98)	Regional Rendezvous reimbursement
$	(75.00)	Chili Cook-off supplies
$	(250.00)	Iron Fly
$	(438.96)	Meeting Room Rental (Food City)
$	(695.00)	Raffle Ticket Sales
$	(913.84)	Storage Unit
$	(1,500.00)	Tailwater Roundup Food
$	(1,500.00)	Thirsty Orange
$	(100.00)	Todd Burleson Cleanup prizes
$	(550.00)	Trout Camp - kid to camp
$	(500.00)	Watauga Riverkeeper
$	(36.00)	Website - calendar
$	(17.95)	Website - domain
$	(630.72)	Website - web services ($630.72 - odd years only)
$	(154.24)	Women's Clinic
$	(2,125.00)	ETSU Marketing Plan
$	(14,662.43)	**Total Commitments**

Approval:
1st E. McDougall
2nd N. Fick

***Board Members on Bank of TN account:** Ryan Turgeon, Rhett Morris, Philip Tipton, Rick Elliott, and Evan McDougall**

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Membership Update (Vickie):
- New: 6
- Renewed: 3
- **Total: 260**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):
- 20 people attend the fly-tying night at Six Brewing on August 27th
- 12 people attended the first Saturday fishing day on August 1st
- 3 people attended the Blue Lines Fishing Day on August 30th
- Next Blue Lines Fishing Day will be on September 19th @ 8:00AM on North Indian Creek
- Iron Fly is scheduled for November, location to be determined
- Fall Campout will be the weekend of October 30th
- ETSU group working on data gathering for OMTU short film

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):
- Need to determine day for the next event

TIC (Michael):
- Will deliver eggs in early November, preparing tanks, chillers, etc. now
- We will need volunteers to deliver eggs

Tri Fly Donation (Ryan):
- Need to order 6 batteries for the temperature gauges on the tailwaters.
- Need to determine locations for new sensors.

Doe River Habitat Restoration (Ryan):
- No update

DRIFT Trail (Rick/Ryan):
- No update

TN Council (Ryan):
- Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 29th @ 6:00PM via Zoom

New TU Director (Rhett):
- Rhett had conversation with Jacob Rash, discussed plans for the OMTU area. Nothing definite yet

Doe River Property Purchase (Ryan):
- SAHC is looking to purchase property on Doe River near Roan Mountain State Park has asked OMTU if we are interested in helping finance the purchase. Our answer was "yes"

Raffle (Ryan):
- Raffle netted $1242.00 profit for chapter

Spending Vote
- Batteries for tailwater temperature gauges - $350

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ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	P. Tipton		
Last Instrument Installation	R. Turgeon		
Find locations for level sensors on North Indian Creek, South Indian Creek, Stony Creek, and Laurel Creek	R. Turgeon		
Get pricing on new fly rods for the Women's Clinic	R. Morris		
Get pricing on new waders for the Women's Clinic	N. Fick		

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Motioned by: R. Elliott 2nd: R. Turgeon

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