



Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblano 10/14/2025

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Elliott, Philip Tipton, Evan McDougall, Nicole Fick, Michael Fick, Jeff Mann, Sam Henry, John Kempton, Rhett Morris, Ryan Turgeon

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Previous Meeting Notes: Approved - Yes Motioned: S. Henry
Second: J. Mann

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

September 2025



\$ 15,236.83 Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 50,734.71 Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
 \$ 65,971.54 Starting balance as of 9-01-2025

\$ 16,275.17 Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 38,913.06 Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
 \$ 55,188.23 Ending balance as of 9-30-2025

DEPOSITS

\$ 178.35 Dividend (Edward Jones)
 \$ 0.70 Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
 \$ 3,678.90 Conservation Grant
 \$ 52.59 Reimbursement for accidental charges
 \$ 3,910.54 Total Deposits

EXPENSES

\$ (22.60) Accidental charge
 \$ (566.89) Weatherby shotgun for raffle prize
 \$ (12,170.00) Fencing at Hampton Creek
 \$ (21.60) Chapter Meeting speaker's meal (Lisa Huff)
 \$ (50.00) Raffle Ticket Financial Report
 \$ (196.98) Supplies for water sensor installation
 \$ (100.00) Gift cards for Todd Burleson Cleanup
 \$ (1,565.78) Raffle ticket selling incentives
 \$ (14,693.85) Total Expenses

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

\$ (2,136.00) TIC
 \$ (857.65) DRIFT
 \$ (207.93) meetings/speaker meals
 \$ (140.00) Gift Memberships
 \$ (100.00) sign board updates
 \$ (500.00) small display board for pint nights, etc.
 \$ (550.00) Trout Camp for one
 \$ (75.00) Chili Cook-off supplies
 \$ (933.11) Raffle Ticket Sales
 \$ (1,115.32) Storage Unit
 \$ (1,500.00) Tailwater Roundup Food
 \$ (1,200.00) Thirsty Orange
 \$ (14.95) Website - domain
 \$ (303.02) Materials for level sensors
 \$ (9,632.98) Total Commitments

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS

\$ 45,555.25

Approval:

1st J. Kempton2nd S. Henry

***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 (Jeff Mann):

- New: 7
- Renewed: 4
- Set to Expire: 7
- **Total: 287**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):

- Dates are scheduled on OMTU web calendar and Facebook.
- On 9/21/25 Laurel Fork fishing day and 4 folks came out and had a day of great fishing.
- Fishing Days are on the 1st Saturday of each month. 9AM start time during the fall/winter months.
 - Cataloochee Trip on 10/18/25
 - Smokemont Camp Out on 10/31/25
- Meta Advertising is garnering engagement with new followers across the platforms.
- Fly Tying Socials scheduled. 13 people came to the last event!
 - The next event is on 12/4/2025 at the Mulligan's Irish Pub

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):

- Date: May 2nd, 2026, with 16 slots

OMTU Helene Recovery Efforts

- N\A

TIC (Michael):

- The egg deliveries were successful.
- Michael will coordinate with the schools during their life cycle.

TN Council Meeting

- Next meeting is October 25th on Zoom.
- Coldwater Summit will take place in January.

Pictures of OMTU Events

- If you have any pictures of OMTU events, please send them to Rhett Morris at the email listed above.

Boat Ramp Clean-Up

- Cleanup only had 12 people come out and help.
- This is significantly down from last year.
- OMTU discussed future engagement and advertising opportunities

Drift Trail

- There are some dump spots on the trail that are in some brushy places.
- OMTU plans to clean up during the winter months due to snakes. Tentatively 2/21/25.
- OMTU to engage Carter County about making trash dumps free for citizens.

Hampton Creek

- Lisa Huff confirmed for Sept member meeting
- Lisa has been up at the cove with JB Hill to discuss fencing below the fish barrier. He sent an estimate of \$24,340.
- It is a very long line but should keep cattle out of the creek above the fish barrier.
- She would like to have returns put on the gates to keep them shut and avoid unintentional release of cattle.
- Fish America will pay for the fence.
- Lisa and Sally Petre want to walk the fence job down on 11/8/25 at 10:30 AM
- There will be a workday on 11/8/25.

Member Meetings

- We plan to move them to Food City in Johnson City. More details to come.

Tri Fly Donation

- Temperature monitors are installed on Doe Creek and Laurel Fork. Beaverdam Creek will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- A dashboard has been built and will be put on the website for viewing.
- Tim Belk contacted OMTU for feedback that his donor group love the temperature transmitters.
- With their donation, we hope to place 4 more in 2026!
- We will place a funding request to the TN Council for the remainder of the funds for the 2026 project.

Next Year's Officers

- Jeff Mann plans to step down from the board.
- Thank you, Jeff, for your support, service, example, and friendship!
- Jeff Wright is leaving the TU organization.

Spending Vote (Ryan)

- Social Prize: \$300
- Social Media Advertising \$50
- Trial Memberships for newcomers: \$700

Approved

1st J. Kempton

2nd Sam Henry

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	R. Morris	5/2025	
Install level/temperature sensor on Beaverdam Creek	Ryan	11/15/25	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM. Motioned by: P. Tipton 2nd: J. Mann