



Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblamos 12/9/2025

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Elliott, Philip Tipton, Evan McDougall, Jeff Mann, Sam Henry, Rhett Morris, Ryan Turgeon

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Rhett Morris. Agenda reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Previous Meeting Notes: Approved - Yes Motioned: R. Elliott
Second: J. Mann

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

November 2025



\$ 6,368.33 Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 62,065.29 Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
 \$ 68,433.62 Starting balance as of 11-01-2025

\$ 6,032.85 Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 62,229.49 Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
 \$ 68,262.34 Ending balance as of 11-30-2025

DEPOSITS

\$ 164.20 Dividend (Edward Jones)
 \$ 0.25 Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
 \$ 29.99 Fraudulent charge reimbursement

\$ 194.44 Total Deposits

EXPENSES

\$ (137.70) Leather work gloves for Hampton Creek work day
 \$ (133.79) Food for Hampton Creek work day
 \$ (50.00) #Cleanmywater gift card
 \$ (44.23) Facebook boost for #cleanmywater
 \$ (365.72) Total Expenses

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS

\$ 58,159.32

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

\$ (2,136.00) TIC
 \$ (857.65) DRIFT
 \$ (207.93) meetings/speaker meals
 \$ (700.00) 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
 \$ (483.11) Raffle Ticket Sales
 \$ (1,115.32) Storage Unit
 \$ (1,500.00) Tailwater Roundup Food
 \$ (1,200.00) Thirsty Orange
 \$ (14.95) Website - domain
 \$ (278.78) Materials for level sensors
 \$ (250.00) CleanMyWater Initiative
 \$ (5.77) FaceBook boost
 \$ (128.51) Hampton Creek work day

\$ (10,103.02) Total Commitments

Approval:

1st R. Elliott2nd 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: 0
- Renewed: 0
- Set to Expire: 10
- **Total: 275**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):

- Dates are scheduled on OMTU web calendar and Facebook.
- Saturday fishing days continues to engage with members of OMTU.
- Fishing Days are on the 1st Saturday of each month. 9AM starting time during the fall/winter months.
- Marketing and advertising will be discussed with ETSU Marketing students on 1/9/26 with a goal of gaining better community engagement and new membership.
- Fly Tying Socials scheduled. Over 25 people came to the last event!

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):

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

TIC (Michael):

- N/A

TN Council Meeting

- Coldwater Summit will take place January 31st at the Farragut Community Center.
- Next year's council meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month (4/28, 7/28, 10/27)

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 Leadership to encourage them to make local trash dumps free for citizens.

Doe River Habitat Restoration

- Met with SARP, RMSP and others on project in the Doe River
- They want to have a walkdown to look at habitat restoration possibilities
- Looking for additional funding sources (need 50% non-federal match)

Hampton Creek

- JB Hill has not started working on the fence yet. He plans to start this week. It will probably be January before he finishes the fencing.
- He is going to send me an invoice this week so we can submit it for the final grant reimbursement by the end of the year.
- Scope has been sent out to contractors and bids have been received for the barrier work.
- Contractor has not been selected yet and work has not started.

Member Meetings

- We plan to move them to Food City in Johnson City. More details to come.
- We need 3 meeting speakers to fill out our yearly roster.

Tri Fly Donation

- Keep striking out on locations for on Beaverdam Creek
- Proposal for next year’s project is ready to submit

Next Year’s Officers

- Jeff Mann plans to step down from the board.
- Thank you, Jeff, for your support, service, example, and friendship!
- Vickie Ketron will replace Jeff Mann.

Spending Vote (Ryan)

- Fly Tying (Vices, tools, etc.): \$600
- Fly Tying Material Organization/Kits: \$250

Approved
 1st J. Mann
 2nd R. Turgeon

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	R. Morris	5/2025	
Install level sensor on Beaverdam Creek	R. Turgeon	2/28/26	
Submit 2026 project proposal to Tri Fly	R. Turgeon	12/31/25	
Order fly tying vices / tools	R. Turgeon	12/31/25	
Put together fly-tying material kits	P. Tipton		

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