Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 10/13/2026

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Elliott, Evan McDougall, Rhett Morris, Ryan Turgeon, Michael Fick, Nichole Fick, Emmett Fick, Vickie Ketron, Sam Henry, Jon Kempton

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:25PM by Rhett Morris. Agenda reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

September 2026

$	8,002.97	Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
$	51,663.67	Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
$	**59,666.64**	Starting balance as of 9-01-2026
$	5,418.52	Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
$	51,972.75	(Ctrl) ance (Edward Jones)
$	**57,391.27**	Ending balance as of 9-30-2026

DEPOSITS		
$	155.07	Dividend (Edward Jones)
$	0.32	Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
$	195.00	Raffle ticket sales
$	**350.39**	**Total Deposits**

EXPENSES		
$	(294.00)	Temperature sensor batteries
$	(122.50)	Gift Memberships
$	(50.00)	Raffle ticket report
$	(1,777.62)	Raffle ticket sales incentives
$	(15.94)	Water for Todd Burleson Cleanup
$	(122.71)	Member meeting room rental / food
$	**(2,382.77)**	**Total Expenses**

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS
$ **43,568.05**

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS		
$	(2,136.00)	TIC
$	(857.65)	DRIFT
$	(280.00)	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
$	(316.25)	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
$	(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
$	(56.00)	Temperature sensor batteries
$	(13,823.22)	**Total Commitments**

Approval:
1st J. Kempton
2nd 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 (Vickie):
- New: 10
- Renewed: 5
- Soon to expire: 10
- **Total: 272**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):
- 2 people attended the first Saturday fishing day on October 4th
- 4 people attended the Blue Lines Fishing Day on September 19th @ North Indian Creek
- 6 people attended the Blue Lines Fishing Day on October 5th @ Roan Mountain
- Next fishing day is scheduled for November 7th
- Iron Fly is scheduled for November 17th. Rhett is checking with 6ix BrewHouse in Kingsport
- Fall Campout will be the weekend of October 30th
- ETSU group working on data gathering for OMTU short film.
- Evan is going to provide feedback to ETSU on social media templates

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):
- Looking to hold the next women's clinic on Thursday 4/15/27 and Saturday 4/17/27.
- We will increase the registration to a max of 20 people
- Rick is checking on the availability of the church social hall

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

Tri Fly Donation (Ryan):
- Mike Maness and Ryan Turgeon replaced the batteries on all of the tailwater temperature gauges on Friday 10/2
- BRGA gave us $150 towards the cost of the batteries
- The lower Soho is not working. I am sending it back for repair. I put the cost on my OMTU card, but BRGA is going to reimburse us for the repair.
- The upper Soho and middle Soho are not charging properly. Ryan is working with Onset Computer to determine the issue.
- Need to determine locations for new sensors.

Doe River Habitat Restoration (Ryan):
- No update

DRIFT Trail (Rick/Ryan):
- Our parking area at Holly Hill Rd has been torn out because of the bridge installation

TN Council (Ryan):
- Cold Water Summit will be held either Feb 6th or 13th @ Farragut Community Center

Doe River Property Purchase (Ryan):
- We are going to donate $6,000 towards the purchase of the property

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Todd Burleson Cleanup (Ryan):

- 31 people attended the cleanup
- We used the prizes from the Boat Ramp Cleanup

Next Year's Programs (Rhett):

- January – Annual Business Meeting
- February – Chili Cookoff
- March – Rhett is checking with Chris Morris
- TVA Bug Guy – Justin Wolbert
- Hellbenders – Micheal Freake – Ryan to see if Michael is available for April or May

Next Year's Officers (Rhett):

- Rick, Jon, and Philip are up for re-election in January
- Rhett and Sam are at the end of their terms for President and Vice President
- Any interest for officer positions for next year?

Spending Vote

- $6,000 for Doe River property
- Approval: 1st N. Fick; 2nd S. Henry

ACTION ITEMS LIST

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	P. Tipton		
Install level/temp gauge on Beaverdam Creek	R. Turgeon		
Find locations for level/temp gauges on North Indian Creek, South Indian Creek, Stony Creek, and Laurel Creek	R. Turgeon		
Get pricing on new waders for the Women's Clinic	N. Fick		
Develop role descriptions for officer and committee chair positions	Rhett / Ryan		
Reserve the church social hall for the Women's Clinic	Rick		
Check with Chris Morris for March Chapter Meeting	Rhett		
Check with Micheal Freake for April/May Chapter Meeting	Ryan		

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM. Motioned by: N. Fick; 2nd: R. Turgeon

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