# Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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**Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 5/12/2026**

**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 6:21 PM by Rhett Morris. Agenda reviewed.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

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## NEW BUSINESS

**Financial Report:**

# OMTU Financial Report

April 2026

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $ | 13,944.32 | Starting Balance (Bank of TN) |
| $ | 62,977.84 | Starting Balance (Edward Jones) |
| **$** | **76,922.16** | Starting balance as of 4-01-2026 |
| $ | 12,408.50 | Ending Balance (Bank of TN) |
| $ | 63,166.19 | Ending Balance (Edward Jones) |
| **$** | **75,574.69** | Ending balance as of 4-30-2026 |

### DEPOSITS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $ | 188.35 | Dividend (Edward Jones) |
| $ | 0.53 | Interest (Bank of Tennessee) |
| $ | 114.00 | Merchandise sales from Thirsty Orange |
| **$** | **302.88** | **Total Deposits** |

### EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $ | (450.00) | Thirsty Orange - Pavilion Rental |
| $ | (155.00) | Supplemental Insurance |
| $ | (142.00) | Checks |
| $ | (575.84) | Wading staffs |
| $ | (129.41) | Member meeting room rental / food |
| $ | (198.10) | Food for Women's Clinic |
| **$** | **(1,650.35)** | **Total Expenses** |

### AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS

**$ 52,823.91**

### OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $ | (2,136.00) | TIC |
| $ | (857.65) | DRIFT |
| $ | (207.93) | meetings/speaker meals |
| $ | (682.50) | Gift Memberships |
| $ | (100.00) | sign board updates |
| $ | (500.00) | small display board for pint nights, etc. |
| $ | (550.00) | Trout Camp for one |
| $ | (17.76) | Chili Cook-off supplies |
| $ | (433.11) | Raffle Ticket Sales |
| $ | (30.04) | Storage Unit |
| $ | (1,472.62) | Tailwater Roundup Food |
| $ | (1,200.00) | Thirsty Orange |
| $ | (278.78) | Materials for level sensors |
| $ | (250.00) | CleanMyWater Initiative |
| $ | (172.10) | Fly tying vices & tools |
| $ | (181.05) | Cases for fly tying materials |
| $ | (12,170.00) | Hampton Creek Fencing |
| $ | (600.00) | Regional Rendezvous reimbursement |
| $ | 34.02 | Food for Doe River Cleanup |
| $ | (145.26) | Wagon |
| $ | (800.00) | Food City Venue |
| **$** | **(22,750.78)** | **Total Commitments** |

# OMTU Operating Budget

FY 2026-2027

| Budget Item | Revenue | Expense | Net |
|---|---|---|---|
| Business Registration | | $ (20.46) | $ (20.46) |
| Chili Cook-off supplies | | $ (75.00) | $ (75.00) |
| Insurance | | $ (155.00) | $ (155.00) |
| Interest | $ 2,000.00 | $ - | $ 2,000.00 |
| Iron Fly | | $ (250.00) | $ (250.00) |
| Kid's Fishing Day - David Crockett Birthplace | | $ (500.00) | $ (500.00) |
| Kid's Fishing Day - Rock Creek | | $ (500.00) | $ (500.00) |
| Meet the Mountains | | $ (250.00) | $ (250.00) |
| Meeting Room Rental (Food City) | | $ (1,000.00) | $ (1,000.00) |
| Merchandise Sales | $ 250.00 | $ - | $ 250.00 |
| Picnic | | $ (500.00) | $ (500.00) |
| Post Office Box | | $ (210.00) | $ (210.00) |
| Raffle Ticket Sales | $ 3,000.00 | $ (1,500.00) | $ 1,500.00 |
| Storage Unit | | $ (2,200.00) | $ (2,200.00) |
| Tailwater Roundup Food | | $ (1,500.00) | $ (1,500.00) |
| Temperature monitor subcription | | $ (900.00) | $ (900.00) |
| Thirsty Orange | $ 3,500.00 | $ (1,500.00) | $ 2,000.00 |
| Todd Burleson Cleanup prizes | | $ (100.00) | $ (100.00) |
| Trout Camp - kid to camp ( already set aside) | | $ (550.00) | $ (550.00) |
| Watauga Riverkeeper | | $ (500.00) | $ (500.00) |
| Website - calendar | | $ (52.42) | $ (52.42) |
| Website - domain | | $ (17.95) | $ (17.95) |
| Website - web services ($630.72 - odd years only) | | $ (630.72) | $ (630.72) |
| Women's Clinic | | $ (500.00) | $ (500.00) |
| | | | $ - |
| **Balance (income minus expenses)** | **$ 8,750.00** | **$ (13,411.55)** | **$ (4,661.55)** |

Approval:
1st R. Elliott
2nd M. 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: 3
- Renewed: 4
- Set to Expire: 21
- **Total: 249**

**Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):**
- 8 people attended the fly-tying night a Johnson City Brewing Co on Thursday.
- We didn't have a first Saturday fishing day this month because of the Women's Clinic
- We voted to go forward with the ETSU marketing plan
- Deep Creek Trip is scheduled for May 15-17th we have 13 people attending

**Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):**
- We had 15 women attend
- We had plenty of volunteers to help out with the event
- Need to send out an email to the participants to purchase gift memberships for them
- Talked about applying for a grant to purchase new rods and some smaller waders

**TIC (Michael):**
- The release went well
- TWRA and TVA attended the event, the kids really enjoyed this. The Erwin Hatchery did not attend due to illnesses
- We had 35 students and teachers attend. Many schools couldn't attend due to testing conflicts.
- 13 TU volunteers attended

**Tri Fly Donation (Ryan):**
- Met with the Tri Fly guys last evening. Everything went well and they want to move forward with this year's project.
- I received $4,000 worth of the check last night. They will be sending the remaining checks to me.
- I will be purchasing the sensors this week
- Jed Dunn is looking to give us money from his foundation for additional work in our area

**Doe River Habitat Restoration (Ryan):**
- No update

**DRIFT Trail (Rick/Ryan):**
- No update

**TN Council (Ryan):**
- Next council meeting is Tuesday, May 26

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**Hampton Creek (Ryan):**

- JB Hill completed the fencing
- Rick walked it down today and it looks good
- The final payment has been made
- Baker Construction was there today preparing to start working on the barrier replacement. They are going to divert the stream, replace the barrier, then redivert the stream back.

**Trout Madness Tournament (Ryan):**

- May 16 at Rocky Fork
- We will be covering the cost of the food
- Same weekend as campout, but hopefully we can get a few people to help

**Youth Outdoor Adventure Day (Ryan):**

- June 13 at Rock Creek Recreation Area
- We will be donating $500 for prizes

**Picnic (Rhett):**

- June 20 at Riverside Park
- Rick will reserve the pavilion

**Laurel Fork (Ryan):**

- I talked with Mark Rine from the Nature Conservancy. He is working on a lot of things in the Laurel Fork watershed
    - Electroshocking streams to determine trout density
    - Wood loading surveys
    - Sedimentation work
- He will be looking for volunteers from us to help with the work
- Ryan is going to setup a meeting between Mark and Jeff Wright to pass data

**Spending Vote**

- FY-2026/27 budget
- Level Transmitters – $8441
- Pull straps for tent – $50
- ETSU Marketing Plan - $4250

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**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

| ITEM | WHO | DUE | DONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Banner Display Designed | P. Tipton | 7/15/26 | |
| Last Instrument Installation | R. Turgeon | 6/9/26 | |
| Find locations for level sensors on North Indian Creek, South Indian Creek, Stony Creek, and Laurel Creek | R. Turgeon | 6/9/26 | |
| Contact ETSU to move forward with the marketing plan | E. McDougall | 5/31/26 | |
| Purchase TU memberships for Women's Clinic participants | R. Turgeon | 5/31/26 | |
| Get pricing on new fly rods for the Women's Clinic | R. Morris | 6/9/26 | |
| Get pricing on new waders for the Women's Clinic | N. Fick | 6/9/26 | |
| Submit a grant for the waders and rods | R. Turgeon | 6/30/26 | |
| Purchase level/temperature sensors | R. Turgeon | 5/31/26 | |
| Reserve pavilion for the picnic | R. Elliott | 5/31/26 | |
| Purchase pull straps for tent | R. Turgeon | 6/9/26 | |
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM. Motioned by: R. Elliott 2nd: R. Turgeon

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