



# Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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## **Minutes of meeting held at Poblano 3/10/2026**

**PRESIDING:** Rhett Morris, President

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Elliott, Evan McDougall, Rhett Morris, Ryan Turgeon, Michael Fick, Nichole Fick, Vickie Ketron

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Rhett Morris. Agenda reviewed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

NEW BUSINESS

## Financial Report:



\$ 17,616.61 Starting Balance (Bank of TN)  
 \$ 62,618.74 Starting Balance (Edward Jones)  
 \$ 80,235.35 Starting balance as of 2-01-2026

\$ 16,214.97 Ending Balance (Bank of TN)  
 \$ 62,807.62 Ending Balance (Edward Jones)  
 \$ 79,022.59 Ending balance as of 2-28-2026

**DEPOSITS**

\$ 188.88 Dividend (Edward Jones)  
 \$ 0.64 Interest (Bank of Tennessee)  
 \$ 166.38 Women's Clinic  
 \$ 40.00 Merchandise Sales  
 \$ 395.90 Total Deposits

**EXPENSES**

\$ (1,085.28) Storage unit (6 months)  
 \$ (200.00) Houston Brown  
 \$ (57.24) Chili Cookoff Supplies  
 \$ (27.38) Tailwater Roundup Posters  
 \$ (54.74) Wagon  
 \$ (184.02) Pizza for Doe River Cleanup  
 \$ (1,608.66) Total Expenses

**AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS**

\$ 56,271.81

**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

Approval:  
 1<sup>st</sup> N. Fick  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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): N/A**

- New:
- Renewed:
- Set to Expire:
- **Total:**

**Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):**

- 13 people attended the last fishing day. We fished the Watauga River and Stony Creek
- Fishing Days are on the 1st Saturday of each month with a 9AM starting time.
- Still waiting for a reply from the ETSU Marketing Group
- Looking into a possible rod building workshop with Hellbender Outfitters
- Boy Scouts Spring Camporee Volunteer Event will be held at Tipton Haynes on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to help with this event
- Deep Creek Trip is scheduled for May 15-17<sup>th</sup> and members can sign up on the website.
- Fly Tying Socials scheduled at Mulligan's on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Going to schedule another one in May after the Women's Clinic and before the Camp Out.

**Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):**

- Sign up on the OMTU website
- Date: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, with 16 slots
  - Currently 11 slots filled

**TIC (Michael):**

- A release date is planned for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

**Tri Fly Donation (Ryan):**

- No update

**Regional Rendezvous (Ryan):**

- **March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Rick and Ryan are going to attend on Friday to represent OMTU

**Doe River Habitat Restoration (Ryan):**

- The Doe River Association has contacted OMTU to partner in habitat restoration.
  - Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00AM (Roan Mt State Park Visitor Center) for the cleanup.
  - Rick is going to represent us

**Fly Tying Kits (Philip):**

- No update

**Tailwater Roundup (Ryan):**

- March 14th @ 8:00AM
- After Party @ 4PM Elizabethton Moose Lodge
- We need a boat trailer shuttle driver on the South Holston. Rhett is going to do this.

**2026 Raffle (Ryan):**

- Application has been submitted and approved
- Drawing will take place on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Chapter Meeting

**DRIFT Trail (Rick/Ryan):**

- 19 volunteers showed up for the Doe River Cleanup
- We collected 3250 lbs. of trash and 31 tires

**TN Council (Ryan):**

- We completed the NCA Survey for TU National during the board meeting. This survey helps TU see where our priorities are as a chapter and council.

**Hampton Creek (Ryan):**

- No update

**Keep TN Waterways Beautiful (Ryan):**

- Jason McReynolds asked us if we would be interested in sponsoring a mile of river in our area to keep it clean.
- We would be required to pick up at least 2 bags of trash each year in that area.
- Everyone was interested so Ryan will get more information on this

**Spending Vote**

- N/A

**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>DUE</b>	<b>DONE</b>
New Banner Display Designed	R. Morris	5/2026	
Last Instrument Installation	R. Turgeon	5/2026	
Finish Fly Tying Supply Kits	P. Tipton	6/2026	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM. Motioned by: E. McDougall 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Elliott