



Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 9/9/2025

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

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

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:



\$ 10,184.93 Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 50,556.48 Starting Balance (Edward Jones)

 \$ 60,741.41 Starting balance as of 8-01-2025

 \$ 15,236.83 Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 50,734.71 Ending Balance (Edward Jones)

 \$ 65,971.54 Ending balance as of 8-31-2025

DEPOSITS

\$ 178.23 Dividend (Edward Jones)
 \$ 0.57 Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
 \$ 4,000.00 TVA Donation
 \$ 111.69 Reimbursement for accidental charges
 \$ 300.05 Merchandise Sales
 \$ 2,870.00 Raffle Ticket Sales

 \$ 7,460.54 Total Deposits

EXPENSES

\$ (1,084.68) Storage unit (6 months)
 \$ (56.98) Brochure holders
 \$ (277.69) Brochures
 \$ (3.18) Ice for Meet the Mountains
 \$ (36.11) Chapter Meeting speaker's meals
 \$ (175.00) Trial Membership
 \$ (500.00) Watauga Riverkeeper donation
 \$ (66.78) Business cards
 \$ (29.99) Accidental charge

 \$ (2,230.41) Total Expenses

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

\$ (2,136.00) TIC
 \$ (857.65) DRIFT
 \$ (229.53) 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
 \$ (123.94) Raffle fees and tickets
 \$ (75.00) Chili Cook-off supplies
 \$ (1,500.00) Raffle Ticket Sales
 \$ (1,115.32) Storage Unit
 \$ (1,500.00) Tailwater Roundup Food
 \$ (1,200.00) Thirsty Orange
 \$ (100.00) Todd Burleson Cleanup prizes
 \$ (14.95) Website - domain
 \$ (500.00) Materials for level sensors
 \$ (32.31) Brochures
 \$ (3.02) Brochure holders

 \$ (10,677.72) Total Commitments

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS

\$ 55,293.82

Approval:

1st P. Tipton

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 (Jeff Mann):

- New: 10
- Renewed: 6
- Set to Expire: 9
- **Total: 282**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):

- Dates are scheduled on OMTU web calendar and Facebook.
- 1st Saturday of each month
- Currently doing a Blue Line Series exploring small local streams.
 - Smokey Mtn. Fishing Day scheduled. See link on web and Facebook
 - Smokemont Camping Trip scheduled. See link on web and Facebook
- Meta Advertising is garnering engagement with new followers across the platforms.
- Fly Tying Socials scheduled
- OMTU interactive fishing map will be embedded into OMTU website.

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):

- Date: April 25, 2026, with 16 slots

OMTU Helene Recovery Efforts

- N\A

TIC (Michael):

- Placing 9 tanks over 8 different schools in anticipation for the egg deliveries.
- October 1st egg delivery.

TN Council Meeting

- Next meeting is October 25th on Zoom.

Pictures of OMTU Events

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

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 \$29,800.
- 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.
- Other items needed and she will cover them during the member meeting. This will include planning a volunteer day.

Business Cards

- Brochures, business cards, and holders have all been ordered and received.
- One was placed at Mahoney's and the rest will be placed by end of month.

Raffle Drawing Fundraiser

- Please turn in sales reward request to Ryan

Member Meetings

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

Tri Fly Donation

- Temperature monitors will be installed over the next month or so.
- A dashboard has been built and will be put on the website for viewing.
- TN Council approved a grant to pay for the other half of the cost for the monitors.

Spending Vote (Ryan)

- Business Cards: \$66.78
- Fencing at Hampton Creek \$4800

Approve

1st J. Kempton

2nd Sam Henry

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	R. Morris	11/15/25	
Meet with ETSU 5 Rivers officers	Rick / Ryan	10/15/25	
Install level/temperature sensors	Ryan	11/15/25	
Place brochures in local fly shops	Ryan	9/15/25	

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