Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 4/14/2026

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

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

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 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

March 2026

$	16,214.97	Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
$	62,807.62	Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
$	79,022.59	Starting balance as of 3-01-2026
$	13,944.32	Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
$	62,977.84	Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
$	76,922.16	Ending balance as of 3-31-2026

DEPOSITS

$	170.72	Dividend (Edward Jones)
$	0.66	Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
$	277.30	Women's Clinic
$	448.68	**Total Deposits**

EXPENSES

$	(275.00)	Elizabethton Moose Lodge
$	(1,186.03)	Tailwater Roundup food
$	(132.58)	Raffle tickets
$	(75.00)	Temporary beer permit
$	(880.00)	Thirsty Orange Insurance
$	(2,548.61)	**Total Expenses**

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS

$ 56,785.97

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
$	(300.53)	Raffle Ticket Sales
$	(30.04)	Storage Unit
$	(11.59)	Tailwater Roundup Food
$	(245.00)	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
$	(145.26)	Wagon
$	(700.00)	Food City Venue
$	(20,136.19)	**Total Commitments**

Approval:
1st J. Kempton
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: 2
- Renewed: 11
- Set to Expire: 14
- **Total: 254**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):
- 13 people attended the last fishing day. We fished the Watauga River, South Holston River, and Stony Creek
- Still waiting for a reply from the ETSU Marketing Group
- Boy Scouts Spring Camporee Volunteer Event will be held at Tipton Haynes on April 11th. We will need volunteers to help with this event
- Deep Creek Trip is scheduled for May 15-17th and members can sign up on the website.
- Possible Fly Tying Social at Johnson City Brewing Company in Boones Creek on May 7.

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):
- Date: May 2nd, 2026
- Registration is closed, we filled all 16 slots
- We need volunteers to help with the event
- Jon Leeras has discounted Redington waders for the women to purchase if they are interested
- Possible Women's Retreat for next year
    - Hiwassee Chapter is holding on at Camp Bo-Ya-Ca
    - Hiwassee chargers ~$140 for the week – includes food and lodging
    - We will see how the Hiwassee Retreat goes and possibly hold one next year

TIC (Michael):
- A release date is planned for May 1st from 11:00AM – 1:00PM
- Volunteers are needed

Tri Fly Donation (Ryan):
- Tim Belk called to give an update - we are still good for our project this year

Doe River Habitat Restoration (Ryan):
- No update

Thirsty Orange (Ryan):
- Ryan will be able to setup, but will not be able to attend the event
- Jon, Rhett, Rick, Andrew, and Marcy are going to help run the booth

2026 Raffle (Ryan):
- Application has been submitted and approved
- Drawing will take place on August 18th at the Chapter Meeting

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DRIFT Trail (Rick/Ryan):
- No update

TN Council (Ryan):
- Need to schedule the next meeting

Hampton Creek (Ryan):
- No update

Trout Madness Tournament (Ryan):
- May 16 at Rocky Fork
- Same weekend as campout, but hopefully we can get a few people to help

Member Meetings (Ryan):
- Meetings moved to Food City
- We are going to order $100 worth of food to remove the room rental fee
- April – Jim Parks (Iceland)
- May – Bill Stiver (Bear Biologist)
- The room is not available for November. We are going to switch the Iron Fly to November and get a speaker for the July meeting.

Spending Vote
- Checks - $142
- Wading staffs for women's clinic - $600

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ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	R. Morris	5/2026	
Last Instrument Installation	R. Turgeon	5/2026	
Finish Fly Tying Supply Kits	P. Tipton	6/2026	
Order wading staffs	R. Turgeon	4/2026	
Find locations for level sensors on North Indian Creek, South Indian Creek, Stony Creek, and Laurel Creek	R. Turgeon	5/31/26	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM. Motioned by: E. McDougall 2nd: R. Elliott

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