



Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 1/13/2026

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

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

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by Rhett Morris. Agenda reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

December 2025



\$ 6,032.85 Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 62,229.49 Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
 \$ 68,262.34 Starting balance as of 12-01-2025

\$ 5,600.34 Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
 \$ 62,424.76 Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
 \$ 68,025.10 Ending balance as of 12-31-2025

DEPOSITS

\$ 195.27 Dividend (Edward Jones)
 \$ 0.25 Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
 \$ 195.52 Total Deposits

EXPENSES

\$ (427.90) Fly tying vices and tools
 \$ (4.86) Facebook boost for #cleanmywater
 \$ (432.76) Total Expenses

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS

\$ 45,463.35

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

\$ (2,136.00) TIC
 \$ (857.65) DRIFT
 \$ (207.93) meetings/speaker meals
 \$ (700.00) Gift Memberships
 \$ (100.00) sign board updates
 \$ (500.00) small display board for pint nights, etc.
 \$ (550.00) Trout Camp for one
 \$ (75.00) Chili Cook-off supplies
 \$ (483.11) Raffle Ticket Sales
 \$ (1,115.32) Storage Unit
 \$ (1,500.00) Tailwater Roundup Food
 \$ (1,200.00) Thirsty Orange
 \$ (14.95) Website - domain
 \$ (278.78) Materials for level sensors
 \$ (250.00) CleanMyWater Initiative
 \$ (0.91) FaceBook boost
 \$ (172.10) Fly tying vices & tools
 \$ (250.00) Cases for fly tying materials
 \$ (12,170.00) Hampton Creek Fencing
 \$ (22,561.75) Total Commitments

Approval:

1st R. Elliott2nd 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: 0
- Renewed: 3
- Set to Expire: 12
- **Total: 270**

Fishing Days/Pint Nights (Evan):

- Dates are scheduled on OMTU web calendar and Facebook.
- Saturday fishing days continues to engage with members of OMTU.
- We continue to see younger anglers attending.
- Fishing Days are on the 1st Saturday of each month. 9AM starting time during the fall/winter months.
- Marketing and advertising were discussed with ETSU Marketing students on 1/9/26 with a goal of gaining better community engagement and new membership.
- They will create an action plan and present it to us when ready.
- Deep Creek Trip is scheduled for May 15-17th and members can sign up on the website.
- Fly Tying Socials scheduled. Next event is February 5th. Over 25 people came to the last event!

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):

- Date: May 2nd, 2026, with 16 slots
- Sign up on the OMTU website

Volunteer Hours

- Please send volunteer hours to Ryan Turgeon

TIC (Michael):

- A release date is being planned. Volunteers will be needed.

TN Counsel Meeting

- Coldwater Summit – January 31st – Farragut Community Center

Drift Trail

- Cleanup scheduled for February 21 @ 9:00
- Meeting at Happy Trails parking lot

Doe River Habitat Restoration

- The Doe River Association has contacted OMTU to partner in habitat restoration.
- Meeting the week of January 19th to look at the area and assess the project.

Hampton Creek

- JB Hill started on the layout last week.
- We received the final reimbursement check from the Fish America grant
- No update on the barrier repair

Trout Camp

- Registration is open until March 1st
- Do we have any candidates?

Member Meetings

- We plan to move them to Food City in Johnson City. More details to come.
- We need 2 meeting speakers to fill out our yearly roster.

Tri Fly Donation

- Need to find a place on Beaverdam Creek to install level sensor
- Proposal for next year's project has been submitted
- Tim Belk requested a map with all the monitored streams. Evan created one.
- OMTU is getting all money this year (\$7000). BRGA will receive all of the money next year for their project.
- Because of the increase in funds, they want us to do 4 streams (Stony Creek, Laurel Creek, North Indian Creek, South Indian Creek).
- We will receive the funding in May.
- We need to start looking for installation locations on each stream.

Tailwater Roundup

- March 14th @ 8:00AM
- Food vote – what do we want to do for food?

2026 Raffle

- We decided to hold a raffle again this year.
- Ryan will submit the application by the end of the month.

Regional Rendezvous

- **March 13th – 15th**
- TN Council will reimburse \$300 per person to attend. The chapter will cover the remainder of the cost, if anyone would like to attend.

Spending Vote (Ryan)

- Regional Rendezvous spending: \$600

Approved

1st J. Mann

2nd R. Turgeon

