Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 8/11/2026

PRESIDING: Rhett Morris, President

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rhett Morris, Rick Elliott, Philip Tipton, Evan McDougall, Michael Fick, John Kempton

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:
Jr. Board Member Emmett Fick

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 PM by R. Morris. Agenda reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

July 2026

$ 9,987.87	Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
$ 51,515.44	Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
$ 61,503.31	Starting balance as of 7-01-2026
$ 8,336.44	Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
$ 51,663.67	Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
$ 60,000.11	Ending balance as of 7-31-2026

DEPOSITS	
$ 148.23	Dividend (Edward Jones)
$ 0.35	Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
$ 655.00	Membership rebates
$ 803.58	Total Deposits

EXPENSES	
$ (2,125.00)	ETSU Marketing
$ (70.09)	New battery for Middle Soho temperature gauge
$ (111.69)	Member meeting room rental / food
$ (2,306.78)	Total Expenses

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS
$ 42,496.75

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS	
$ (2,136.00)	TIC
$ (857.65)	DRIFT
$ (402.50)	Gift Memberships
$ (100.00)	sign board updates
$ (500.00)	small display board for pint nights, etc.
$ (263.44)	Materials for level sensors
$ (250.00)	CleanMyWater Initiative
$ (172.10)	Fly tying vices & tools
$ (181.05)	Cases for fly tying materials
$ (312.98)	Regional Rendezvous reimbursement
$ (75.00)	Chili Cook-off supplies
$ (250.00)	Iron Fly
$ (500.00)	Kid's Fishing Day - David Crockett Birthplace
$ (43.90)	Meet the Mountains
$ (628.41)	Meeting Room Rental (Food City)
$ (1,500.00)	Raffle Ticket Sales
$ (2,200.00)	Storage Unit
$ (1,500.00)	Tailwater Roundup Food
$ (1,500.00)	Thirsty Orange
$ (100.00)	Todd Burleson Cleanup prizes
$ (550.00)	Trout Camp - kid to camp
$ (500.00)	Watauga Riverkeeper
$ (52.42)	Website - calendar
$ (17.95)	Website - domain
$ (630.72)	Website - web services ($630.72 - odd years only)
$ (154.24)	Women's Clinic
$ (2,125.00)	ETSU Marketing Plan
$(17,503.36)	**Total Commitments**

Approval:
1st P. Tipton
2nd J. Kempton

***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 (V. Ketron): N/A

- **Total: 268**

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 with an 8AM starting time.
    - Blue Lines Fishing Days will go on all summer.
    - Good turnout for these events.
- ETSU Marketing are currently performing market research to better understand how a short video will make maximum impact. OMTU Board will select members to be in the video.
- Next Fly-Tying social will be at Six and Grist in Kingsport on 8/26/26.

Women's Initiative (Rhett/Nicole):

- Need: Waders/Boots

Volunteer Hours

- Please send volunteer hours to Rick Elliott.
- OMTU Board Members are now using Clockify to submit their hours.

TIC (Michael):

- Emmett will setup a new school with TIC.

TN Counsel Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is August 25th

Pictures of OMTU Events

- If you have any pictures of OMTU events, please send them to Rhett Morris or Evan McDougall at the email listed above.

Member Meetings

- August – Jim Habera
- September – Matt Kulp
- October – Michael Freake
- November – Iron Fly
- December – No Meeting

Tri Fly Donation

- N/A

Meet the Mountains

- Volunteers needed.

Doe River Restoration

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- Currently working on grants.
- OMTU will assist on writing grants.

Hampton Creek Grant

- 90% complete

Spending Vote - N/A
Approved-N/A

ACTION ITEMS INITIATED

ITEM	WHO	DUE	DONE
New Banner Display Designed	P. Tipton	10/2026	
Last Instrument Installation	R. Turgeon	10/2026	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. Motioned by: P. Tipton 2nd: R. Elliott

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