Overmountain Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Minutes of meeting held at Poblanos 6/9/2026

PRESIDING: Sam Henry, President

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Tipton, Evan McDougall, Sam Henry, Ryan Turgeon, John Kempton, Michael Fick, Nicole Fick

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 PM by Sam Henry. Agenda reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report:

OMTU Financial Report

May 2026

$	12,408.50	Starting Balance (Bank of TN)
$	63,166.19	Starting Balance (Edward Jones)
$	75,574.69	Starting balance as of 5-01-2026
$	11,752.05	Ending Balance (Bank of TN)
$	51,348.63	Ending Balance (Edward Jones)
$	63,100.68	Ending balance as of 5-31-2026

DEPOSITS		
$	182.44	Dividend (Edward Jones)
$	0.52	Interest (Bank of Tennessee)
$	2,070.00	Thirsty Orange
$	6,500.00	Tennessee Tri-Fly
$	300.00	Raffle Ticket Sales
$	96.52	Donation
$	9,149.48	**Total Deposits**

EXPENSES		
$	(147.66)	Food for Women's Clinic
$	(15.34)	Rebar for Hampton Creek Temp Sensor
$	(45.88)	Pull straps for tent
$	(140.00)	Gift Memberships
$	(12,170.00)	Hampton Creek Fencing Project
$	(206.10)	Meet the Mountains Registration
$	(8,441.00)	Level / Temperature Sensors
$	(130.49)	Food City Room
$	(287.02)	SE Regional Reimbursement
$	(40.00)	Pavilion rental for picnic
$	(21,623.49)	**Total Expenses**

AVAILABLE BALANCE AFTER COMMITMENTS
$ 41,130.17

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS		
$	(2,136.00)	TIC
$	(857.65)	DRIFT
$	(542.50)	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
$	(20.46)	Business Registration
$	(75.00)	Chili Cook-off supplies
$	(250.00)	Iron Fly
$	(500.00)	Kid's Fishing Day - David Crockett Birthplace
$	(500.00)	Kid's Fishing Day - Rock Creek
$	(43.90)	Meet the Mountains
$	(740.10)	Meeting Room Rental (Food City)
$	(460.00)	Picnic
$	(210.00)	Post Office Box
$	(1,500.00)	Raffle Ticket Sales
$	(2,200.00)	Storage Unit
$	(1,500.00)	Tailwater Roundup Food
$	(900.00)	Temperature monitor subcription
$	(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
$	(4,250.00)	ETSU Marketing Plan
$	(21,970.51)	**Total Commitments**

Approval:
1st M. Fick
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 (V. Ketron): N/A

- New: 8
- Renewed: 4
- Set to Expire: 6
- **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.
- ETSU Marketing was given the check to start marketing campaigns.

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):

- A release date is planned for May 1st. Volunteers are needed.
- Sullivan East has decided to stop TIC. Their equipment will be used at another location.

TN Counsel Meeting

- Grant Writing meeting is being held this evening
- Grant Committee Meeting will be held on July 14th
- 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.

Hampton Creek Grant

- Fencing is complete – final payment has been made
- Baker Construction has started working on the barrier.
- They are supposed to be finished by the end of July.

Doe River Restoration

- ARC and partners from Jennings Environmental met with Monica on May 28 at the park to get an idea of the engineering design work and construction needed to repair the river.
- With the SARP grant budget and match, we are hoping to get ~$200k in funds.

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- Those funds would likely cover only 1-2 of the restoration areas.
- They decided the priority sites would be the Visitor Center and Shelter 1, which would be a "Phase 1" project.
- Jennings Environmental will be providing concept design figures for those 2 sites & any additional engineering data/tables/summaries needed for the grant applications.
- They will then work on a larger stream management plan that would include all the restoration areas so that we have plans ready to go should more funds become available through other sources.
- The SARP RFP is scheduled to be released in late June or early July. Once that is posted, they will have a better idea of project scope and what we will need from all the partners involved.

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Youth Outdoor Adventure Day

- We have 4 volunteers
- Can anyone help with this?
- I would like to have a board member so we can set up the display.

Member Meetings

- June – Picnic - 27 people registered so far.
- July – Mark Rine
- August – Jim Habera
- September – Matt Kulp
- October – Michael Freake
- November – Iron Fly
- December – No Meeting

Tri Fly Donation

- We received all the checks from Tri-Fly except one
- Monitors have been ordered, scheduled to ship on 6/18
- I'll get them set up once they arrive
- Need to determine locations
- We will have to schedule a few workdays

Spending Vote - N/A
Approved

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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 7:05 PM. Motioned by: P. Tipton 2nd: R. Turgeon

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