**Minutes of meeting held at The Smokehouse BBQ on 4/11/17**

**PRESIDING:** Jeff Wright, President

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Sunderland, Bill Watkins, Sean Fagan, Chris Lennon, Shannon O’Quinn, Ryan Turgeon, Linda Good

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Jeff Wright. A review of the agenda gone over.

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*FINANCIAL REPORT (Sean):**

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| Starting Balance as of February 1: | | |  |
|  |  | $ 13,326.18 |  |
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| Deposits: | |  |  |
|  |  | $ 0.56 | Interest |
|  |  | $ 15.00 | TU Member Rebate |
|  |  | $ 285.00 | TO Tickets/Erwin Sponsor ($135.00/$150.00) |
|  |  | $ 400.00 | Erwin Sponsorship |
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| Debits: | |  |  |
|  |  | $ 150.00 | IF4 Deposit (CK#1040) |
|  |  | $ 261.01 | Sean Fagan (Orvis Order) (CK#1041) |
|  |  | $ 125.00 | Buffalo Street Deli (Mar Meeting) (POS) |
|  |  | $ 150.00 | Jonathan Huckaba (Float trip) (CK#1061) |
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| Upcoming Bills: | |  |  |
|  | 5/1/2017 | $ 150.00 | Boone Watershed Partnership |
|  | 5/1/2017 | ??? | TN Trout Adventure Camp |
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| Ending Balance: | |  |  |
|  |  | $ 13,340.73 |  |
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| Current Outstanding Commitments: | | | |
|  |  | $ 10,000.00 | Briar Creek |
|  |  | $ 850.00 | Erwin Film Festival |
|  |  | $ 850.00 | Brewhibition Insurance |
|  |  | ??? | Brewhibition State Permit |
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| Remaining Available: | | |  |
|  |  | $ 1,640.73 |  |
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| Current Forecast for end of FY Balance: | | | |
|  |  | $ 810.67 | Without Thirsty Orange / Erwin Film Festival / Brewhibition proceeds factored in |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**Conservation Update (Shannon)**:

* Shannon contacted Marcia on the progress at Briar Creek. The effort is still on for this summer. It is looking like it will take place in the August/September time frame.
* Here are some other updates that Marcia gave Shannon
  + May 20th – Kids fishing derby (Erwin, Rock Creek area)
  + June 20th-22nd – Rainbow trout removal in Jacob’s Creek
  + July 12th – Brook trout monitoring (Hampton Creek)
  + July 13th – Rainbow trout removal (Little Stony Creek)
  + 2018 FY – Soil and water improvements on the Doe River. We talked about starting a subcommittee to start discussing this. Chris has some information on the Doe River that we could possibly use.

**Women’s Initiative (Linda)**:

* The Women’s Event is scheduled to take place on June 3rd-4th
* The will be a max of 10 women for the event
* Cost will be $100 / participant. This will cover the cost of the food. All extra money will go towards sending a girl to Trout Camp next year. We will either hold the money in our account or Trout Camp will hold it for us.
* Saturday – Ed Hill’s property on Rock Hold Road
* Sunday – Still working out the details for where this will be held. Linda needs one (1) volunteer for every female in the event to serve as “guides” for the day.

**Bill Beazell Cleanup (Bill W)**:

We tentatively set the date for next year’s cleanup for Marth 17th, 2018, +/- one week. We decided that we want to pull away from the Tailwater Roundup and do our own thing again next year. We are going to concentrate on more of the Watauga River and just not the Bluffs. We had 28 people to show up and clean the Bluffs which was far more than we needed there. We plan to continue to work with EFO for the Watauga River cleaning effort. (Sean/Bill S)

**Thirsty Orange / Brewhibition (Jeff)**:

The Thirsty Orange went very well. We had several hundred people come by our booth. The Fly Pong game was a great success. A handful of people were interested in joining TU and took information on joining. We received $99 in donations at the event. We decided to offer the Clinch River Chapter the opportunity to set up a table at Brewhibition. If they want it, we will split the profits 70/30. If they don’t want it, we will keep all the profits and we won’t send anyone. (Bill W/Ryan)

**Erwin IF4 Festival (Chris)**:

Most of the details are set, but we need a casting demo person and someone to talk about the South Holston River. Jeff is going to talk to Dale about getting his friend to do the casting demo. Shannon is going to talk to a guide to see about doing the South Holston talk. We have received $900 in donations so far for the event. Chris is going to send out a signup sheet for help on the day of the event.

**Summer Programs (Jeff):**

* May – David Ramsey, talk about Rocky Fork and his new conservation effort. Ryan to send a reminder to him.
* June – Micro-invertebrates. Jeff to talk to Appalachian State to see if they have someone to do this program.
* July – Member picnic at a park
* Aug/Sept/Oct – Jim H from TWRA
* June 10th – Kids fishing day in Mountain City. Sean is going to get details and see what we can do to help.
* Bill Watkins is going to check with Jake for a Euro-nymphing clinic.
* We need to come up with some dates for Fish with a Buddy Day

**Annual Meeting Ideas (Jeff):**

* We would like to have a banquet with dinner
* Get a big speaker that we wouldn’t normally get. Ian and Charity Rutter where mentioned. Jeff is going to check on their availability.
* Have some door prize giveaways.
* Silent auction of donated items. Maybe the bamboo fly rod from Jeff’s dad.
* Individual recognition awards. Partners that have worked well with us over the year. The outstanding member of the year.
* See is Project Healing Waters wants to get involved.

**Other News:**

* TIC grant – Jeff applied for this grant. It would provide money for four (4) new tanks
* LL Bean Request update – Jeff applied for this again. Last year we got five (5) fly rods.
* April General Meeting
  + Jeff confirmed that next week’s meeting will be at the Holston Brewing Company in Bristol
  + Mike Adams is going to tie a Red Butt fly for us at the meeting
  + TVA is going to talk about the repairs on the South Holston Dam
* We have Smokey Bones BBQ booked for meetings in May/June/July.
* The board voted to pay $125 to Buffalo Street Deli for the appetizers at last month’s meeting. (Bill S./Chris)
* We have $500 budgeted for trout camp this year. We agreed to roll it over to next year’s budget if we have no participants this year.

**ACTION ITEMS INITIATED**

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| **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBILITY** | **DUE DATE** |
| Get sampling schedule from Jim H | Jeff |  |
| Send info from Marcia out to the board | Shannon |  |
| Talk to Dale about having his friend do the casting demo at the IF4 | Jeff |  |
| Send out a sign sheet for the IF4 | Chris |  |
| Confirm David Ramsey for May meeting | Ryan |  |
| Send out meeting notice for April General Meeting | Jeff |  |
| Talk to Appalachian State to see if they have someone to do this program. | Jeff |  |
| Get details on Kid’s fishing day on May 10th | Sean |  |
| Check with Jake for a Euro-nymphing clinic. | Bill W |  |
| Come up with Fish w/ a Buddy dates | ??? |  |
| Talk to Ian and Charity Rutter about the annual meeting | Jeff |  |
| Finalize the details on the Women’s Event and ensure that we have enough volunteers | Linda |  |
| See if the Clinch River Chapter is interested in attending Brewhibition | Jeff |  |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM. Sean Fagan motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ryan Turgeon.