

Wednesday, May 28, 25

BRMTU Board Meeting

Next BRMTU Chapter Meeting - Feb 11 Tuesday 6 PM Blue Jeans Pizza

Chapter Leadership:

John Jenkins President/Meeting Coordinator; Mel Richardson, VP; Jim Reich, Secretary (acting); Paul Mailman, Treasurer; Carl Riggs, Advocacy/Conservation/Membership; Sam Miller, Past President; Bob Wetzsteon, Financial Reviewer; Roger Johnson, Youth Education Coordinator; Bob Borgwat, Event Coordinator/Fund Raising Coordinator/ Webmaster/Newsletter Editor.

Attended:

John Jenkins, Jim Reich, Mel Richardson, Sam Miller, Roger Johnson. Quorum Attained = 5

1. Trout Camp - we have one applicant so far;

Details - associated with Max White? Burch Barger, St Simons Island.

***The Board Accepted application of Burch Barger. Also approved \$700 for another candidate of our Chapter; if no candidate then donate to the state council for waiting list.

2. TroutFest 2025: Next TroutFest Meeting: Jan 28 Tuesday 2-4 PM Chamber Mtg Room

- Confirm leadership roles/ responsibilities

• "Projected Financials" for 2025

Est Income: \$133,553

Est Expenses: \$80,349

Est net Receipts: \$53,204

62 Of 102 vendor sites filled to date.

Sponsors to date: \$49K Est vs \$58+ Goal

New Money : Holston Gasses \$5K; Copperhead Lodge \$5K; Fly Fish Blue Ridge \$500K; Bowman Outdoors \$500

Proposed New Event Activities:

- Mountain Bike Base Camp - several shops committed
- Drive/Chip/Putt - Old Toccoa Farms
- Lake Blue Ridge - Trout Fishing
- Trout Fest Film Presentation - proposed co-op presentation with Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association
- Open for new ideas, fixes,
- *What other ideas to replace axe throwing and climbing wall?*
Kids Art Contest ; Trout Bracelet/Jewelry Booth; Bouncy House;

Petting Zoo; Oversized Fly Tying for Kids; face painting
“What do Trout Eat”; Riparian Buffer; Humane Society - adopt a pet

3. **Curtis Switch Project Improvements**

Status: Start of Concept

Process: Best solution may be to develop the project plan, garner the funding, propose the schedule - in order to obtain for buy-in from Fannin County

Also will need to determine where on-going maintenance costs will be funded.

Players: Fannin County - Operational Management (Eddie Oneal?)

TVA - Owns the land

Road - Private Road - Traffic? Road Condition?

Developing a list of tasks and budgets -

Looking at grants and other potential partners

- Old Toccoa Farms
- Kayak/Tubing Companies
- Outfitters

Project Members: Gary Peterson, Roger Johnson, Bob Borgwat,

4. **Nominating committee report**

Positions

President: **open**

Vice President: **open**

Secretary - Nominated **Jim Reich**

Treasurer - Paul Mailman to stay on

Other Positions

Membership - John Jenkins has volunteered

Need to approach possible candidates - deadline 15 days before March meeting.

5. **2025 GA TU Council and hatchery calendar.**

From Sam Miller... Typical activity hours are : 8 AM - Noonish.

Hatchery Location: Chattahoochee Forest National Hatchery

4730 Rock Creek Road

Suches, GA

Phone: (706) 838- 4723

Veterans - May 9 Friday - BRMTU co-sponsor

Special Needs - May 14 Wednesday

Seniors - June 6 Friday - BRMTU co-sponsor

Kids/Family - June 7 Saturday

What to bring:

Fish Rag, Pliers/Nips, Hat, Sun Glasses, favorite “meat” flies - egg pattern, squirmy worm etc. Lunch: We provide lunch.

6 . **Cloud Based Storage** of BRMTU Files, documents etc - more research - Paul Mailman - investigating Google Non Profit.

7. **Reviewed Financials, Bank Statement and Budget.**

\$83,103 In the checking account.

8. **Trout in the classroom** - discussed getting eggs - Local Hatchery available in March. Can order from Washington State anytime. Schools need the tanks ready first. Coordinate with Carl Riggs on ordering eggs. Mel Richardson, Roger Johnson and John Jenkins also engaged with schools.

9. **RIVERS ALIVE** - Saturday **March 29th** at Tammen Park

Old Business:

Six Shirts remain that were ordered without names - Mostly size Large one XL

Some with named shirts remain - Roger has the names - W/A

We need more exposure in the Trout Unlimited Magazine - with all we do. Perhaps the Curtis Switch project will get that recognition.

10. Calendar:

January 31 – February 2 – Atlanta Fly Fishing Show

March 1 – Racoon Creek Workday

March 15 – GA TU Council Meeting – Rabun

**March 19 or 20 – Waters Creek Workday – Gold Rush*

March 22 – Sweep the Hooch

March 22 – Hoot on the Hooch– Helen – Draw for Dream Trip

****March 29 – Rivers Alive – Toccoa River and area cleanup - BRMTU*

****April 2 or 3 - USFS Workday – Burnett Creek – Cooper Creek WMA – BRMTU*

April 25 – 27 – Trout Unlimited Eastern Regional Rendevous – Shepherdstown, WV

April 26 – Blue Ridge Trout & Outdoor Adventure Festival – Blue Ridge

May 9 – Veterans Fishing Day – CFNF Hatchery – Rock Creek – BRMTU

****May 14 – (NOT FOR PUBLICATION) Special Needs Fishing Day - Hatchery – Rock Creek*

June – TBA – Boy Scouts Workday (Location TBD)

June 2 – 8 – GA TU Trout Camp

June 4 – Trout Camp Workday (Location TBD)

June 6 – Senior Fishing Day - CFNF Hatchery – Rock Creek – BRMTU

June 7 – Kids Fishing Day - CFNF Hatchery – Rock Creek – BRMTU

June 7 – Kids Fishing Rodeo at Lake Winfield Scott – USFS & BRMTU

June 21 – GA TU Council Meeting – Coosa Valley – Rome

September 18 - GA TU Council Meeting- Blue Ridge

September 20 – 5 Rivers UGA RT Removals

December 6 - GA TU Council Meeting – Gainesville

TENTATIVE WORKDAYS

Rabun TU – Install 5 chevrons on your own – Sarah's Creek & Walnut Fork

Coleman River – Barrier Repair if approved

** Only one day TBA depending on weather and water conditions*

**** BRMTU Chapter is the Key Sponsor of these events*

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