

BRMTU Chapter Board of Directors Meeting May 22, 2025

Attending:

Paul Mailman (Treasurer), Bill Williams, Jim Reich (Secretary), Carl Riggs, Paul Carlson (Acting President), John Jenkins (Past President), Max White, Bob Wetzsteon

(A quorum was present)

1. Need to fill the President's position: P Carlson

- President, Sam Miller has resigned due to personal reasons.
- Bylaws states that when there is a vacancy, the Board determines who will fill the position until the next election, April 2027.
- Paul Carlson will fill the role temporarily
- The board will make the chapter aware of the need to fill the position and take nominations - Jim Reich will send out an email.

2. Meet on Tuesdays at Blue Jeans Pizza: J Jenkins/J Reich

- Prices may be rising. \$15 for pizza and Wings + Beer and tip.
- We pay a minimum based on our forecast.
- Church is available to change the hours and we are booked for the rest of the year
- Jim Reich to send out a email that we are moving the June meeting back to the Faith Presbyterian Church, on June 14th. (Let's have a cookout) 8AM-2 PM. Bob Wetzsteon will handle the food and Paul Mailman will handle the paper/plastic products. We could have an outdoor casting competition! More details to Follow.
- We need a **Program/Social Chairman** - to coordinate Social Events and Programs for the meeting. Is Roger Johnson - still wanting to hang in there and do it or get someone new?

3. Review of Budget: Paul Mailman

- TF2025 : Net proceeds will be closer to \$35 K - waiting for check from TVA
- Paul Mailman shared budget line items/categories for review
- Several Changes made:

- a) Member Support and Community Engagement (Many smaller expenditures) - Raised to \$5K from \$4k
- b) We will reinstate the GA TU donation of \$1000 - Helps us with future projects to get money from them
- c) Project healing Waters is going through some changes - voted to change category in budget to Veterans Services
- d) Chattahoochee River Keepers changed to Hiawassee Watershed River Association. And upped to \$1000 from \$500. Better aligns with our activities.
- e) Not repeating Sammaritan's Purse
- f) Adding budget new line item/Category : Curtis Switch Project - place keeper of \$5000
- g) Remainder of the Budget Line Items are basically unchanged from 2024 to 2025.
- See Paul Mailman for revised completed list comparing 2023/2024 and 2025.

4. **We plan to host a Trout Fishing 101 Class - J Reich**

- For new members
- Casting/ Bugs/ Match the Hatch/ River Safety etc
- Also include 5 Rivers N Georgia? - Carl to follow up
- What about the High School Fishing Team?
- Gold event possibly at Noontootla Creek - Section D with Lunch after and David Hulsey as instructor - Can maybe get Becky H. if we have ladies to teach.

5. **Old business -**

- Google for Non Profits - Paul Mailman is waiting to hear back from Bob Borgwatt about domain questions. (\$125 a year to buy a google domain name)
- Curtis Switch - next steps...Paul Carlson is Driving this project:
- a) Paul met with Jaimie Hensley- Fannin County Head Commissioner , also working with TVA (who must approve project before we can start) and Chamber of Commerce - Christie Gribble.
- b) We may have to contract someone to take the trees. Who pays for it? County ? BRMTU?
- c) TVA has to submit a "Chapter 26" report to TVA.
- d) Fannin County wants to start this Fall; we are pushing to start earlier with Phase 1.
- e) Paul Carlson to send out a project list.

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- Mailing List of the Chapter - Jim Reich to manage with pivot tables developed by Paul Carlson. J Reich to talk with Borgwat on how to manage with Signup Genius and email Tool. Email Service of the Chapter - Right now John Jenkins and Bob Borgwat only .John Jenkins is adding Jim Reich and Paul Carlson to the email tool.
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- We need to develop a new Trout Fest “Alcohol Sourcing and Mgt Person” for the sales and delivering of alcohol at TF.
- John Jenkins wants to add a small Uninterruptible Power Supply for short term outages and voltage drops which shutdown the pumps and causes ammonia spikes - killing the baby trout at the Elementary and Middle Schools. Board approved. Carl Riggs to investigate with John Jenkins.
- We need to contact/reach-out to new members and members whose membership is about to lapse. Jim Reich will send out email, per John Jenkins input regarding membership.

6. **New Business - New “Water Project” : Carl Riggs**

- Gilmer /Pickens County - Cartecay River/ Coosawatee/ Has three trout Streams that feed these rivers. They need a water study to see how that water is affected with the changes . Will need Hobo Temperature Sensors, plus someone to monitor and track the data. .