

## **BRMTU Meeting Minutes 02/18/ Blue Jeans Pizza**

### **Welcome New Members and Visitors:**

Bill Williams - Back after 2 knees and 2 hips replaced  
Michael Pack - From Tailwater Chapter - moved to Ellijay.  
Marty Nugent (sp)- From Mass - Wants to teach fly tying  
Erin - Teacher in the middle school  
John - member a year - Runs the KOA

### **Treasurers Report:**

Paul Mailman  
\$83,834 in the bank  
Christmas Party largest expense  
\$6,200 donations last month to various recipients  
Including Samaritan's Purse for work in Western NC

### **Membership:**

325 members + 7 Family members  
21 members at the meeting Tuesday

### **Nominating Committee Report**

President -  
VP - Paul Carlson  
Treasurer - Paul Mailman  
Sec - Jim Reich  
Membership - John Jenkins  
Education - Max White and ?  
Advocacy - Carl Riggs  
Other?

### **Conservation/Advocacy**

Several Projects  
Rivers Alive March 29 unless it's too cold?

### **Curtis Switch Project :**

County has been notified and they are OK with us doing the planning.  
We need a plan, time line, costs, ongoing maintenance.  
Ben Bruce wants to join the Curtis Switch group.  
Joe DiPietro is also happy to help with the trees.

Suggestions - for starting this project:

Cut down the big dead trees  
Take down the fence, level off the land and get gravel dropped and spread.  
North Ga College looking for a project - has many kids happy to help.

Andrew Bruce will help with bush hog etc  
Bob Wetzsteon has equipment.  
Let's get it going!!!!

Other suggestions:

"Kayak only" take out area separate from boat launch and a set of stairs that goes into the water.  
A way to help people get people out of kayaks without falling.  
The walk down the ramp is slippery.  
Supply a Kayak/Canoe launch device.

### **Education**

5 Rivers - N Ga College - Carl Following up on getting this chapter going  
Marty Nugent wants to be teaching them fly tying  
College can help with the labor on many different project - work days, Rivers Alive, Curtis Switch  
Erin - Middle School - Trout in the classroom - eggs have hatched

### **Dream Trip:**

Get you tickets!  
55% of the goal

### **Calendar Review and Announcements:**

Trout Fest Meeting 2/25, 2-4 PM  
BRMTU Board Meeting 2/26 2-4 PM  
March 8th Faith Presbyterian Church - election of officers  
March 22 Hoot on the Hooch  
March 28th Tag and Release Trout  
April 2 or 3 Burnett Creek Work Day - part of Cooper Creek WMA - BRMTU is the lead Chapter.  
Need to get the NGA College kids to help  
TroutFest 2025 APRIL 26  
April 29 - May 2nd South Holston Trip  
May 15 Erin trout Release Fannin Middle School

### **Fishing Reports:**

Wait for a warm day and black caddie will hatch - Especially the tailwater

### **Program - BR Trout & Outdoor Adventure Festival - Report**

Catch it on Film - Local Regional Film Festival, Silent Auction 5-7 PM Friday  
March 28th Tag and release trout : wear rain gear!

Need 1- 2 more food trucks  
Seeking donations worth over \$200 for silent auction for Friday Night  
Need 100 gifts for the tag derby \$25 and up - Only given out if the tag is turned in for a prize.  
Good target is to get them from downtown Blue Ridge Vendors.