

## **March 27, 2025 BRMTU Board Meeting**

### Attending:

Paul Carlson, Sam Miller, Bob Borgwat, Bill Williams, John Jenkins (last meeting as President), Mel Richardson, Roger Johnson, Paul Mailman, Jim Reich, Carl Riggs.  
(Need to cc: Bob Wetzsteon, Joe Vivenzo, )  
Yes - a quorum was present

### **1. Treasurers Report: Paul Mailman**

Buying Gift Cards from Western NC Guides etc - to be used with Trout Derby Prizes  
\$500 - qty 1, qty 5 - \$100.

### **2. Google for non profits : Paul Mailman**

Google is asking for our google domain name . That costs money - We have asked TU National if we can use a free one?

Borgwat to research as well

Need this for special email addresses and a cloud space to archive projects, minutes, reports, budgets, etc.

Annual activity report due 3/31/25.

Hiawassee Water Coalition - donation requested by Carl Riggs. (Merged with Mountain TRU) - approved.

### **3. TroutFest: Bob Borgwat**

- Sponsor Cash \$67,625
- Vendors - \$11,610 cash
- Vendors - 12 additional - 115 now
- Expenses - YTD \$77949 projected
- Net projected at \$55 K
- New Billboard Sign in Kennesaw - \$600
- Troncalli Billboard Signs look great at busy intersections in the ATL
- Friday Film Festival - 130 tickets max will be sold. Old Toccoa Farms supplying the food. We are buying beer (Grumpies') and wine at wholesale.

- Tickets cost \$20 - includes 2 drink tickets plus food.
- Thursday Night Volunteers Party - we are paying for all the beer. Food truck will be there.
- We have a New BBQ Food Supplier - **Sweet Cheeks**
- Still Need Pizza food vender or Asian fusion, something different.

#### **4. Curtis Switch project: Paul Carlson**

Paul talked through our aligned vision for the project

Paul supplied updated list of items to accomplish

Good discussion about what the BRMTU Chapter might pay for and supply labor for?

And for how long we will invest.

Also Paul provided a general map of where improvements might be located.

Next Steps - Paul Carlson to get with Joe Vivenco to map out what needs permits and not.

- Then approach the county with a detailed plan and budget and layout required monies, actions and get their buy in for on going maintenance.

#### **5. Trout in the classroom: John Jenkins & Carl Riggs**

- FCMS Release May 15

- Trout Look OK , first fish kill - maybe 100 fish left at this time.
- Have not heard from Tori.
- Erin needs a new circulator pump and cooler. ~ \$30-\$40

#### **6. Other Old Business**

Still have shirts? Rob Kaser's shirt.

1-2 named shirts left.

#### **7. New Business**

\*\*\*\* CHANGE IN BRMTU is LEAD WORK DAY:

- USFS/DNR Work Day - April 16 - Probably Frick Creek

Restoring or replacing informational signs along the Toccoa River. - Jim Reich

- Waiting for pricing form Express Signs
- Need by 515 Trout Capitol of GE sign on roads coming from NC
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#### Stocking Tagged Fish River - For the Trout Derby: -

Paul Carlson, Mel Richardson, Jim Reich, Paul Mailman, Sam Miller

- Meet at Deep Hole at 10 AM Canoe Launch - 20 fish per site
- Deep Hole
- Sandy Bottom
- Tammen Park
- Horseshoe Bend
- Curtis Switch

#### Membership: Carl Riggs

Free new memberships at TroutFest 2025 @ TU State Tent - Carl Riggs

#### Tammen Park -

needs work on Fishing Pier Deck - Need to find out will they fix or should we budget and plan the work?

Possible stocking tube near the Sandy Bottoms Delayed Harvest area

- \$200 Stocking tubes Qty 2

#### Chamber of Commerce Clay Shoot

- Sign \$75, Team? \$625, May 2 at Noontoola Creek Park

- Bob Bradley?
- Mel Richardson
- Bill Williams
- Others?
- If we can get 4 shooters, we will host a TU Team.

#### FIVE RIVERS N GA College -Carl Riggs

- Meeting next week

Alternate Engagement Group for our western members: smaller meeting? John Jenkins

40 in Jasper, Talking Rock, Ball Ground -

65-70 in NW GA, Dalton -

A board member must start this idea - and attend and support the New Chapter  
How do we get the word out and get confirmation of planned attendance - send invites ?