

BRMTU Board Meeting 1/5/26

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- **Set a standing board meeting date**
 - First Thursday of each month - 10 AM Downtown Chamber.
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- **Update on the technology review (Paul C)**
 - Looking at Google Workspace Long Term
 - Assign the officer emails
 - File sharing
 - Next topic is Eventeny and TroutFest - Borgwat 3rd week of Jan
 - Maybe we need to take some items off Borgwat's plate
 - Security Audit
- **Update on TroutFest**
 - Lowered our entry fee for Vendors
 - Requiring insurance as part of the vendor applications
 - We need to define the impact of a major Rain or other disruptive account, because our BRMTU profit mainly comes from gate receipts.
- **Update on Curtis Switch (Paul C)**
 - Filling out our application
 - Meeting with Keith Nicholson this Friday from Fannin County
 - We received info document from the county
 - TVA is slugging along at government pace
 - We are committed to spending \$20K total
- **Discuss priorities for 2026 – Conservation, Education, Community involvement (All)**
 - Feeds into our software planning and Strategy Plan
 - Chapter Survey coming to confirm what's important
 - Western territory meetings - Whitfield County?
 - Zoom Meetings, stream our meetings? Google Meet?
 - Conservation dates - no dates yet from the DNR
- **Education:**
 - Needs eggs soon for Middle School, Elementary School has some issues
 - Daisy - is the Media Specialist for the TU State Council
 - Has joined our Chapter - lives in Ellijay
 - Is also the sponsor for NG College BR - 5 Rivers Chapter
 - Would like Gilmer County expansion Trout in the Classroom

- **Status update on chapter survey(s) (Paul)**
 - More coming
 - Bill Williams and John Jenkins will help Paul
- **Finance update from the 'Mailman'**
 - Budget looks great
 - Adding Merch Sales as a budget item to allow for tracking and better reporting
 - There's a lot of very detailed items we have to track and report to TU National and the taxes.
 - We have an independent accountant paid for from Board Operations
 - We have new CD 3 months. To get some interest earned from our cash on hand.
- **Discussion on January program –**
 - We need to send out a notice there will be a program Saturday
 - We need to understand what the State DNR is doing?
 - James Miles, State Fisheries Biologist II, Georgia DNR
 - Followup with Lunch afterwards at Carol's BBQ
- **Discussion on future programs (Bill)**
 - A list of programs coming:
- **TU Regional Rendezvous attendance. Who is going? And where?**
 - John Jennings go to the Regional Rendezvous
 - Paul Mailman going /camping
 - Paul Carlson going to Western Rendezvous and SE Regional
 - No one is asking for reimbursement
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- **Dream Trip 2026 fund raising still happening**
 - The Camp is suspended for now - needs new leadership
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- **Chapter Fishing Trips:**
 - John Jenkins - Gadsden Alabama - maybe early March
 - South Holston - Still planned for 2026
 - The Tuckasegee - done, will do again.
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