

## BRMTU Board Meeting 2/26/26



- Set a standing board meeting date and time going forward. (I would like for it to be any day the first week of each month. I think John has a standing commitment on Wednesdays.) I will put out 10 AM or 1 PM as a discussion starter. **Standing Board Meeting. First Thursday of each month - 10 AM Downtown Chamber.**

Present: Paul Carlson, Mel Richardson, Jim Reich, Randy Carpenter, Paul Mailman  
- We have a quorum.



Update on the technology review (Paul C)



New Calendar coming out not like today



Randy Carpenter:



Software and Technology Update:



Reviewed Present State



Need to Create a Tech Stack



Strategic Plan update - Mission Statement, SWOT Analysis , Annual Report



Technology Roadmap - master plan.



TU National Needs work



More slowly - do it right.



Google Email Addresses - going soon



Purchase 1 Password account. For the chapter only.



Add us to Tech Soup and GoodStack for non profits



Look at People and Technology and Process and the interplay of each



See links emailed to you on the Board



Update on TroutFest (Bob)



On target for exhibitors and vendors



BREMC - is a new bronze sponsor



**Update on Curtis Switch (Paul C)**



Next event - new builder/ contractor involved - Kevin



It looks a lot better now than before.

- Request for septic plan - from county
  - TriState EMC will drop power for \$3,500
  - Water is Blue Ridge City Water - extend to county water - we'll work with them
  - County responsible for the power and water.
  - Adding Silt Fencing - 2 step.
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- Discuss priorities for 2026 – Conservation, Education, Community involvement (All)

**Conservation:**

Jim Wentworth - we talked with to review projects, retired biologist for the state. The State will be doing work with existing down timber - not dropping big trees. More natural placement of downed existing trees - not building rock "cowpens" James Miles - will be our contact for State Projects - follow up for June Meeting from James

First projects - in May probably

Brook Trout projects will be targeted - Pail Mailman is filing an application for the State TU Council to

The State TU organization will go after State Grants as a whole

Also planning to get more involved in Save Ga Hemlocks

Chattanooga Aquarium - sent us a thank you note and offered a road trip for the Chapter - date to follow.

Education - 4/22 FIVE Rivers

Trout win the classroom - Middle School

We will have a trout in the classroom vendor site at the Troutfest 2026

- Status update on chapter survey(s) (Paul)
  - More coming
  - Bill Williams and John Jenkins will help Paul

- Finance update from the 'Mailman'  
MayFly donation this year

- Discussion on February program –

Paul Mailman:

Honeywell - we got the \$4500 check - we get two a year.

- Discussion on future programs (Bill)
  - A list of programs coming:
- TU Regional Rendezvous attendance. Who is going? And where - Black Mountain
- Paul Mailman , Paul Carlson, John Jenkins.
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- Dream Trip 2026 fund raising still happening
  - The Camp is suspended for now - needs new leadership
  - Donations are behind -
  - April 5th deadline - There will be a prize package We are at 44% of goal.
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- Chapter Fishing Trips:
  - John Jenkins - Gadsden Alabama - maybe early March?
  - South Holston - Still planned for 2026
  - The Tuckaseegee - done, will do again.
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- Go to the new calendar app for all the activities upcoming.
- From TU National: Jack Johnson -
  - Wants to donate \$500 donation per person - Alaska Trip ? More to follow.
  - Options - Legion Lodge - 50% off booking price.
  - Fish the Copper River.
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- We should have a social media blast with our website blasts

Volunteerism:

Survey ?

How do we get people more involved.

- Fishing :
- Conservation :
- Grow your circle of people in the area :
- Networking :
- Demographics :
- Geographics:
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- Signup Sheets

- Broadcast on Social Media and
- Buddy Systems - 1:1 assign new people to existing members.

Need an easier way to get involved

- March 21 th next TU Meeting \*\*\*\* big Change !!!**
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