



Board Meeting minutes from January 22, 2026

Name	Attendance
Al Krokowski	P
Karl Barndt	A
Tom Champeau	P
Pete Getzinger	P
Brian Gustin	P
Michelle Gustin	P
Robin Hoofnagle	P
Cynthia Howard	P
Steve Christopher	P

Name	Attendance
Bruce Jones	P
Diane Luebbers	P
Sean Monaghan	P
Tim Schubmehl	P
Bill Shaffer	P
Amy Ross	P
Mike Shaffer	P
Lou West	P
Matt Christian	P

Bruce Jones called the Board meeting to order. See attendees and those absent listed above.

November board meeting minutes. **Motion to approve was made by Steve, seconded by Diane, and passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report (Bill Shaffer, Treasurer)**

- Previously emailed report.
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- 2025 Annual Giving Campaign collected \$7,312 so far. The endowment balance now exceeds \$50,000.

### **New Chapter Business:**

- 2026-2027 Budget, Committee chairs were asked to review their needs and submit their request to Treasurer.
- Beverly Smith Succession Planning Video – Board members are not our issue, but officer succession is. Need to assemble a Nominating Team to work on this full time, not just seasonally
- SE Regional Meeting – Board members are encouraged to attend and will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of their ticket to Saturday. Bruce has a signup sheet for fishing buddies. Oskar Blue is contributing 600 beers.
- TU Expeditions (Zoe Mihalís' program). PCTU will support again this summer. Will promote in Snags & Snarls. Will let Zoe select who gets our support.
- Fly Fishing Film Tour – Oskar Blues will not be a sponsor, but will host, put it on their calendar and buy the film for PCTU

### **Old Chapter Business:**

- Committees – Each Committee Chair must nominate an assistant chair. Each Committee must review its responsibilities in light of the Chapter's Strategic Plan. Bruce will circulate an updated plan outline.
- Report of the By-law Review Committee – The ad hoc By-law Review Committee determined that there was no need to revise the By-laws at this time. The notes of the committee, in the form of a markup of the By-Laws, will be retained for future reference. The Committee specifically discussed the proposal to incorporate more detail regarding the Endowment into the By-Laws (e.g. specifically requiring a minimum balance of \$50,000 be attained/retained prior to any distributions from the endowment account). It was concluded that not incorporating this specific provision into the By-laws would give the Chapter greater flexibility. **A motion was made by Sean and seconded by Robin to rescind the action taken by the Board at the November 2025 meeting adopting a resolution requiring the \$50,000 minimum to be included in the By-laws. The motion to rescind passed unanimously.**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Conservation -Tim Schubmehl, Chair**

- Previously emailed report.
- Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup will take place on 2/11/26. Graveyard Fields live-staking event with NFS moved to 3/3/26.

### **Communications/Outreach – Tom Champeau – Chair**

- Brevard Aquarium had an algae emergency that was swiftly remedied, ensuring the survival of the fish.
- Rachel Hess said they would like an aquarium at the Visitor Center in Pisgah Forest. Will need to acquire equipment; the equipment at the old Wildlife Education Center was too big and not suitable.
- Snags & Snarls – Proposed to include the next 90 days of Volunteer Project each month. Board members are encouraged to make submissions for S&S content.
- Bill is creating a brochure about PCTU that can be distributed through the Visitor Center, Brevard College, and local high schools.

### **Membership- Diane Luebbers- Chair**

- Previously emailed report.
- Trout Talk takes place on the fourth, rather than the last, Saturday of the month. Diane is looking for speakers.
- Board acknowledged Diane's tremendous effort on the holiday card project.

### **Events - Cynthia Howard- Chair**

- Previously emailed report.
- Bruce finalized and distributed the Volunteer Projects Schedule for 2026 on 1/19/26.
- Cynthia needs volunteers to staff, Forks of the River (3/7/26), Hendersonville Earth Day (4/18/26), Pisgah Project Day (4/25/26), and Mills River Day (5/2/26).
- Merchandise will be offered in three categories: a "garage sale," raffle, or donation.
- Bruce circulated a signup sheet for "Fishing Buddies" for out of town attendees to the TU SE Regional Meeting 3/13/26 fishing day.

### **Fundraising – Teo Whitlock (absent; Bruce led discussion)**

- No update

### **Chapter Presentation Coordinator - Robin Hoofnagle**

- Still looking for someone to present at the June 2026 Chapter program.
- Jeff Yates, national TU Director of Operations, will be the speaker at the March Chapter program. It was suggested that the Land of Sky chapter members be invited to attend.
- It was suggested that the Chapter consider having one of the monthly Chapter programs, in addition to the summer socials, at a location in Brevard.

Next Chapter meeting is on March 12, 2026 at Guidon Brewing.

Meeting Adjourned

**Upcoming Board meeting (open to anyone) is scheduled for February 26, 2026, at 4 pm.**