



Board Meeting minutes from April 23, 2026

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

Name	Attendance
Bruce Jones	P
Diane Luebbers	A
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.

March Board meeting minutes were discussed. The date for the Mountain True roadless rule town hall meeting was changed from May 7 to April 30. **Motion to approve was made by Bill, seconded by Amy, and passed unanimously.**

Financial Report Bill Shaffer, Treasurer

- Previously emailed report.
- The Chapter is in good financial shape. We spent a good deal, but took in more than we spent. We received several donations that have increased our reserves.
- Endowment Committee update. The committee met, a copy of the minutes of the meeting are attached. They recommended that some of the excess of over the

Minimum Balance be used to increase the amount of the Arbuckle Awards so that each grantee will receive \$2,000. **A motion to move \$1,500 from the Endowment Account to the checking account to cover the increased awards was made by Bill, seconded by Pete, and passed unanimously.**

New Chapter Business:

- Bruce received a request to support the Make A Wish Foundation's Casting Hope Fish for a Wish endeavor. There was no detail as to what was involved. The Board decided not to make a donation.
- The Chapter will again provide support to Zoe Mihalalis' expedition. She has two candidates, and the Chapter will contribute \$1,000 for each.
- The Board discussed the liability waiver forms that are required for Chapter activities, noting that different forms are employed by different groups, particularly the Forrest Service. It was ultimately decided to continue the current practice, but to review the forms we use to see if any updating would be appropriate. Tom offered to do that review.
- Attendance at the Mountain True roadless rule town hall meeting was discussed. Board members were reminded that their attendance would be in an individual capacity and not as a representative of PCTU.
- The Chapter has been encouraged again to apply for a grant under TU's Embrace a Stream program for 2027. It was decided not to apply at this time, but to revisit it again next year.
- Robin described the Casting Clinic scheduled for May 9 at Strauss Park in Brevard. Carol Duddy is the host, and Mike Mihalas will be the certified casting instructor. John Roberts, a Strauss Park resident approached Bruce about forming a weekly casting group, based on the FFI curriculum. It was decided not to participate, although PCTU may choose to publicize the group if it gets going.

Old Chapter Business:

- The Annual Report is due May 15, 2026. Sean and Bill committed to having the report completed by May 1.
- Operational Plan – Bruce made some edits to the version previously circulated and will send it around.
- Committee Assistants Update – Pete and John Rich are assisting Tim on the Cold-Water Conservation Committee. Mike, Stephanie, and Ann West are assisting Tom on the Communication Committee. Lou West is assisting Cynthia on the Events Committee. Amy is assisting Diane on the Membership Committee. Additional assistants for the committee chairs are still welcome. They do not have to be BOD members.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation -Tim Schubmehl, Chair

- Previously emailed report.
- Tim met with Ivana Knox and representatives of other organizations. There is a great deal of federal funding in the pipeline. The meeting was to begin reviewing the list of 120 project Ivana has to assign. It seems that it will be a few years before PCTU volunteers will be getting their feet wet on these projects.

Communications/Outreach – Tom Champeau – Chair

- TIC releases are going well. Tom was asked to prepare a proposal to acquire equipment for catching bugs and fishing at release events. Currently, he is borrowing equipment from the Forrest Service.
- Tom has purchased equipment for the three new TIC schools.

Membership- Diane Luebbers- Chair

- No April Trout Talk due to Pisgah Project Day.

Events - Cynthia Howard- Chair

- Lou reported that the booth at Hendo Earth Fest was a big success. He had lots of volunteers, including Board Members.
- Bill was encouraged to prepare a proposal to purchase a new booth tent and a new chiller for the display aquarium

Fundraising – Teo Whitlock (absent)

- No report.

Chapter Presentation Coordinator - Robin Hoofnagle

- Oskar Blues will be asked to serve as the location for the July social gathering.
- Greg Jennings and the River Rangers have been invited to attend the August social gathering.
- Robin proposed that Fish Tales be the program for the October gathering.
- Pete will ask Dr. Morse to be the speaker at the September or November gathering.

Next Chapter gathering is on May 14, 2026 at Guidon Brewing.

Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Board meeting (open to anyone) is scheduled for May 28, 2026, at 4 pm.

PCTU Endowment Committee Meeting

April 17, 2026

Attendees: Bruce Jones / Bill Shaffer / Dave Bender / Robin Hoofnagle / Kiki Matthews

Current Business:

- Bill provided an update on the performance of the Vanguard Endowment Fund
 - \$42,887.70 as of 4-1-25
 - \$51,837.10 as of 4-1-26
 - \$54,297.31 (+\$1,000) --- Current status

Additional Topics:

- Discussion of increasing the amount of monies awarded to Arbuckle Award winners this year with the excess Endowment Fund balance pending PCTU Board approval.
- Discussion of having the Endowment Committee and the Board conduct an annual review of any excess Endowment Fund balances and determine which chapter initiatives to designate said funds.
- Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Endowment Committee Chair and CFHC liaison.
 - Treasurer will now assume the role of Endowment Committee Chair
 - CFHC Liaison will now be a separate position reporting to the PCTU Board.
 - Kiki has agreed to hold this position for a minimum of the next 3 years.