

November 24, 2008

Dave Rogers
Director, Volunteer Operations
Trout Unlimited

Re: Ohio Council, Trout Unlimited, Minimum Criteria Governing the Activities and Operation of Ohio TU Chapters

Dear Dave:

The Ohio Council met on October 25, 2008, and formalized minimum criteria for all Ohio Trout Unlimited Chapters to achieve in order to maintain a charter within the Trout Unlimited organization. The minimum criteria are as follows:

1. Have in place a set of Chapter By-Laws governing the structure and operations of the Chapter.
2. Has an active slate of officers and conducts elections as specified in the By-Laws.
3. Holds at least five membership meetings or a combination of membership meetings and work detail events each year.
4. Maintains an updated Chapter website and issues at a minimum one annual newsletter to all members of the Chapter. As an alternative to a website, Chapters may establish other electronic communication outlets such as Google or Yahoo Groups.
5. Organize a Chapter fundraiser every 12 months, not to exceed 18 months.
6. Organize or participate in one or more restoration/enhancement/conservation projects in a two year period.
7. Organize or participate in community/youth education programs focusing on coldwater fisheries conservation at least once every 18 months.
8. Each year the Chapter will participate in community outreach events to solicit new members. Each Chapter should have a goal of recruiting 10 new TU members.
9. File Annual Financial Report with TU National by established deadline. Complete the Chapter Effectiveness Index (CEI) with a goal of improving the Chapter's score each year.

If you have any questions regarding these minimum criteria please contact me at (440) 476-7934.

Jim Augustyn, Chair
Ohio Council
Trout Unlimited