

Tarryall Fishing Club 2008 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2008

10:00 a.m. Jefferson Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Paul Grossnickle, President; Ken Black, Vice President; Theresa Pugh, Treasurer; Leonard Reed, Member-at-Large; Virginia Skeffington, Member-at-Large; Bill Van Gundy, Member-at-Large, Members not in attendance Chuck Schwalier, Secretary. Minutes taken by Theresa Pugh

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Paul Grossnickle.

Minutes – The 2007 Annual Meeting submitted in advance by Chuck Schwalier were read and approved. Motion by Doug Grush, second by Cliff Pugh.

Treasurer's Report – Theresa Pugh gave the Treasurer's report. TFC started the year with \$8,522.52 and now has a balance of \$17,874.49. TFC presented a budget for the 2008 calendar year that presumed dues would be received from 253 lots at Lost Park and 450 lots at Stagesop. The amount of fish that will be stocked will be kept approximately the same as previous years although the cost of fish and delivery has gone up. A new line item of \$1250 for portable toilets at the ponds was added to the TFC budget this year since the SOA board has stopped providing that service. The 2008 budget is projected to run \$2785 in the red but the extras can be absorbed this year by carryover. The treasurer's report and proposed budget were approved. (Motion by J. Mellinger, second by Bill Hinkley)

Fish Stocking Plans: - Ken Black reported that 1000 pounds of fish were stocked in the ponds and stream on May 21. The cost of fish and delivery has gone up this year. TFC plans to stock four times during the summer. The next two stocking dates will be approximately June 26 and July 30. We do not get an exact date until closer to the day when the fish hatchery sets its schedule. Ken reminded people that stocking days are "no-fishing" days. Someone will try to post a sign at each pond to remind people. The first and second stockings will be biggest with about 1000 pounds of fish. The third and fourth will be about 500 pounds each. Rainbow trout are being stocked since they are the least expensive.

Pond Status – Bill Van Gundy reported that the pond near Stagesop is in good condition. So far this year the level has been brought up 1 foot. Bill plans to bring it up all the way but first he needs to repair the pump. The water commissioner has agreed that we can pump water up to full during the time we are in priority then continue to pump and release water at the same time.

The aerator needs to be rebuilt for efficiency. It was on last winter but the pond froze over early so air had to come up along the edges rather than in the middle. There is a breach where the pipe was buried but the reno mats have stabilized the stream bank near the pump house. There is no longer a beaver at the pond.

The ponds at Lost Park are in good shape. The pond that SOA has to drain in order to fulfill their water augmentation requirement had enough water left that fish were able to survive through the winter with only a few winter kills.

Legal Report – Theresa Pugh reported that the TFC and both HOAs had come to agreement on a proposal that our attorney, Mike Cook, sent to the Observatory Rock Bison Ranch attorney. To date, there has been no response to our proposal by Observatory Rock Bison Ranch. Before any further legal action is undertaken, the SOA Board wants a joint meeting with the three boards but to date, that has not yet been arranged.

TFC has again been contacted by Dr. Kurt Kratz, owner of Winding River Ranch (the lower most property along the river). Dr. Kratz plans to be in Colorado this summer and would like to meet with TFC. He has indicated in the past that he is interested in a "couple of bends" of private fishing.

Bill Van Gundy suggested that if the TFC makes an agreement with Dr. Kratz that we consider making a Rule to prohibit fishing in a particular area rather than totally giving up our fishing rights.

Duane Mellinger suggested we might want to spend money on fencing that would protect us from Bison rather than on litigation. Although that might be a good solution, we cannot negotiate with someone who does not respond to us.

Virginia Skeffington pointed out we have two choices – litigation or status quo. Since this is a decision that would be significant to the value of property, it is a decision that the SOA is unwilling to make without polling the membership.

The three boards will meet after Dr. Kratz has talked with us and we know if we have more options.

Patrolling – Virginia Skeffington reported that Park County deputies have been asked to patrol 20 hours this year. Some of the effort will be on the weekend and some during the week. Deputies have been instructed to ask property owners to leave if they do not have their passes with them and to give trespassing tickets to those who have no right to fish.

A question came up about whether Park County deputies should drive their vehicle around the pond when patrolling. When TFC first went out with deputies, they were informed it was a matter of officer safety to remain within a certain distance of their vehicle at all times.

Bill Van Gundy proposed we do some checkpoint patrolling at entrance points to maximize contact and to save energy. Members were encouraged to volunteer for patrolling.

Election of Board Members – Board members whose terms had expired were Theresa Pugh, Virginia Skeffington, and Chuck Schwalier. Virginia and Chuck declined to run for re-election.

Nominations for TFC board members were as follows:

Bob Ballard - nominated by Bill Van Gundy

Rusty Scott - nominated by Bill Van Gundy

Theresa Pugh - nominated by Ken Black

Bill Lewis - nominated by Leonard Reed

Nominees were asked to give a brief statement regarding their desire to serve on the board. Members were asked to vote for three of the four. A brief recess was taken while votes were counted. Newly elected TFC board members are Bob Ballard, Rusty Scott, and Theresa Pugh.

Work Day – Bill Van Gundy asked for volunteers to help with clean up at the pond, fencing, and pump repair. Two or three work days will be scheduled through the summer. Volunteers will be called when a date is set.

New Business – Ken Black asked whether members would be interested in closing the ponds to fishing during the TFC annual membership meeting. Since this sort of action would keep guests from fishing, it was not discussed further.

Comments from Membership –

Tom Backe suggested that the TFC bylaws should be amended to include a clause to keep pace with inflation. Tom also asked if we had had the stream evaluated. TFC has not had an evaluation done.

Bill Van Gundy pointed out that including the cost for portable toilets in the TFC budget could reduce the amount of fish we can afford to stock.

Bill Lewis stated he thought there was sufficient carryover to pay for portable toilets.

Duane Mellinger asked what we as TFC members should check for when patrolling. Several things were mentioned:

- Look for a hang tag in the vehicle
- Introduce yourself
- Ask to see membership card or guest pass
- Ask to see identification
- Ask to see fishing license (but do not insist since only a peace officer can require)

Ken Black suggested that people be required to send a stamped self-addressed envelope when they pay late or order extra passes.

Ken Black referred to a copy of the Indian Mountain newsletter which showed a photo of dogs chasing elk into the Indian Mountain pond. He reminded people to keep their dogs on leash.

Adjourn – 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Theresa Pugh