

## 2010 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2010

10:30 a.m. Jefferson Community Center

1. Call to Order – Bill Van Gundy  
The TFC Meeting called to order by Bill Van Gundy at 10:41 am.
2. Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting  
Bill Van Gundy asked the membership if anyone had any question, comments or corrections to the TFC 2009 annual meeting minutes. No questions, comments or corrections were presented by the members.  
A motion to accept the minutes was presented by member of lot 322 (SS) and seconded by member of lot 80 (SS).  
The motion approved by membership
3. Treasurer's Report –Theresa Pugh  
Theresa Pugh reported TFC monies of 7881.79 as of May 20, 2010.  
\$1036 .00 were refunded to LPROA for the \$4 extra dues increase that was approved by the TFC membership at the 2009 annual membership meeting in accordance with the TFC bylaws and not recognized by the SOA due to their inability to approve at their subsequent home owners association annual meeting in accordance with their bylaws.  
No fish stocking has taken place to date because the TFC had not received SOA membership dues and could not schedule stocking with our vendor without the required funds.  
Theresa Pugh asked if any members had questions on the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions on the Treasurers Report.
4. Proposed Budget – Theresa Pugh  
Theresa Pugh presented a proposed budget based on the 2009 member dues of \$21 per lot. Only one pond in LPR subdivision will be stocked due to the dam repair project that is underway. The proposed budget included \$8000 to be used for stocking fish this year in the remaining ponds and accessible river sections.  
Theresa Pugh asked the membership to review copies of the proposed budget distributed to the membership when they entered the meeting. There were no questions on proposed budget from any member. Member of lot 197 SS made a motion to approve the proposed budget. The proposed budget was seconded by member of lot 197 LPR. The motion was approved by membership.  
The membership subsequently agreed that future proposed budgets will be turned over to each HOA 15 days prior to the annual meeting, so they can have ample time to prepare questions regarding TFC spending.  
For 2010, all documents pertaining to the 2009 budget and 2010 proposed budget as well as the Treasurer's Report including the check registry managed with Microsoft Money software was delivered to both boards at the meeting.  
\$11000 was spent by TFC on fish in 2009.  
Member of lot 275 (SS) asked how much stocking will be done in the lower pond at LPR. TFC board responded that SOA is planning to drain the lower pond at the end of the summer and we will discuss this further under the agenda item for fish stocking.
5. Legal Report – Bill Van Gundy  
Bill Van Gundy explained that the required signatures supporting the MOU between SOA, LPROA and TFC were received by SOA on Wednesday, May 19th. SOA also submitted TFC membership dues at this time. After reaching agreement on dues collection and receiving dues, Ken Black and other volunteers worked diligently to get the SOA member passes mailed before the meeting. All 3 boards have agreed through the MOU to amend their bylaws to support the MOU that required a mediator to complete over the last several months. Key components of the MOU were explained as follows:
  - a. LPROA members will receive a credit of the \$4 for last year.

- b. No future TFC dues increases will be voted on at TFC meetings or HOA meetings. All dues increases, regardless of size, will be voted on by a mail in ballot.
- c. Cost of the mail in ballots will be paid by TFC in 2011 and beyond. For 2010 ballots to increase dues in 2011, the fees will be paid by the HOAs, if the TFC decides to request a fee increase from the membership.
- d. Each HOA and the TFC can include a 500 word or less statement outlining their position. Only dues-paying member votes will be counted towards a majority vote of 50% or more of ballots received.

Bill Van Gundy explained that the MOU is posted on the new TFC website and limited copies are available upon request at the meeting.

Bill Van Gundy reiterated that the HOA boards have agreed to abide by the MOU in its entirety.

Member of lots 214 and 225 LPR asked a question about where the votes are received and counted. Bill Van Gundy responded that an election committee comprised of members from the TFC and both HOAs will receive and count the votes after 30 days. There will be a signature block for verification of the ballot to ensure only active members in good standing are counted.

A round of applause was issued in thanks to the TFC for working through all the issues and being diligent in protecting the fishing rights of the membership.

Bob Ballard offered a special thanks to the LPROA and the SOA for supporting the mediation effort and coming to an agreement that considered the situations of all the home owners.

The TFC board announced a Free Fishing day this weekend, but reminded members to please have membership cards and passes for all future fishing days.

#### 6. Pond Status - Bill Van Gundy

Bill stated that the lower pond at LPR will retain water until Aug1 and then will be drained to repair the dam. The upper pond is currently drained and hope is that the work will be completed by Aug 1 and then the slow progression to fill it will begin. There is really no way of knowing how long it will take in these dry months to fill the upper pond.

The SOA pond near SS seems to be doing ok. A limnologist hired last year found no harmful substance and the blue green algae is normal and should not be a concern. The formal report will be posted on the TFC website (TarryallFishingClub.net)

Bill thanked the SOA and LPROA for paying for Road Base leading to the pond.

The HOAs shared the expense for fixing the road. Ken supported the effort with a shovel, as did several other volunteers. It is much better now, but will require some additional work in the future.

Bill gave special thanks to Danney McReynolds for grading the road and to Danney and his wife, Beth, for donating a drag beam to the TFC for continued upkeep of the road.

#### 7. Fish Stocking – Ken Black

Ken started by communicating that this is the first time in 10 years that stocking was not done before the annual meeting. After receiving all the membership dues the earliest available stocking day was not until next month. The first available day was the 2nd of June. Ken explained that the date is dependent on weather, and could change. If the date does change it will be conveyed on the TFC website.

The TFC will try to fit another stocking day in before the July 4th holiday weekend.

As communicated in the proposed budget, \$8000 is the targeted amount and will equate to only 750 lbs to 800 lbs for the first stocking which is several hundred pounds less than previous years. There will likely be more fish stocked in the river since there are less ponds to stock this year. Run-off has not hit yet so the river should be fishing well.

An unannounced member asked if the TFC could send out an email blast of current news and up-to-date stocking information. Another member responded that all phones that can receive text messaging can be set up to receive the TFC emails even if you don't have a computer or access to one.

Chuck Schwailer commented that the River is fishing great. He periodically fishes the stretch through the bison ranch.

Ken continued that there would be at least 2 and maybe 3 stockings this year. It will be evaluated depending on the weather and the pond status.

Ken elaborated that approximately 10 to 15% of the fish (100 to 150 lbs of every 1000 lbs stocked) go into the river, primarily at the Firehouse in SS and the gauging station downriver. An unannounced member asked why the SOA waiting until August to fix the pond dam. An SOA board member and Bill explained that the creek flow is too strong during run-off and costs more for diversion. SOA also has to apply for a loan. It will take at least 2 weeks to repair each dam. SOA will also need to get special permission to fill the pond during the low flows of fall. There could be updates on when the pond will be drained.

SOA board member explained that they have a letter from the state not to fill up the top pond. LPROA will continue to pump water throughout the year for the pond at SS.

SOA requested that the TFC clarify why the ponds in LPR are augmenting SS and vice versa. Bill Van Gundy explained that the ponds were established and built at separate times in relation to the building of the subdivisions and the needs for water.

Member of lot 103 SS asked how much are the dams costing. The SOA board member present responded that they have estimates for couple hundred thousand dollars.

The same SOA board member explained that the HOAs are responsible for the ponds and the TFC just for stocking the ponds.

#### 8. Patrolling - Bill Van Gundy

Bill thanked the volunteers for Patrolling last year and explained that the TFC was very happy with the stations set up during peak times last year.

Bill outlined the TFC plans for 2010, which included continuing to set up patrolling stations and using volunteer patrols. Bill reminded the members present that the four fish allocated per each \$8 guest pass cost more than the pass. Bill asked that each member please check others when fishing and to be accommodating when asked by other members to present your pass or membership card. In addition, please have your guest passes signed in ink. State rules apply while fishing the TFC waters. Possession and bag limit is by licensed fisherman. An owner does not have to be present with the guest pass. Guests can still use passes from previous years.

#### 9. Election of Board Members – Bill Van Gundy

Bill announced that Paul Grossnickle's Seat on the TFC board was up for election. Paul was nominated to retain his seat. No other members were nominated for election and Paul retained his seat on the board.

#### 10. Volunteers – Bill Van Gundy

Bill asked for more volunteers this year and referred members to the signup sheet available at the meeting. Bill explained that there is some fence work that needs to be done this year and to be sure to communicate volunteer activities that you do not want to be called for when you sign up.

#### 11. New Business – Bill Van Gundy

Bill proposed Bylaws Changes to support the MOU and read the specific language to the membership. He explained that these changes are reflective of the MOU and take wording directly from the MOU.

Jeannie Mellinger motioned to include the MOU wording and member of lot 197 LPR seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion was unanimously approved. Bill Van Gundy requested that we poll the membership present on what they wanted to do about potential 2011 TFC dues increases to maintain and possibly expand the amount of fish stocked.

Theresa helped explain the budget alternatives presented in hard copy to the members present.

TFC has determined that we should have a reserve of \$3000 or more for an operation this size. Most expenses are recurring and static. We anticipate we may have a bit of an increase in 2012 from the sale of guest passes since the price was raised at the 2009 annual meeting and many purchased a stock of passes before the price went up in 2010. About our only option for altering our expenditures is to modify fish stocking levels and patrolling based on dues levels.

- a. Expense Level 1: (\$21) If we continue to operate at this expense level of \$21 per lot, will have to reduce patrolling and fish stocking and we will be in the hole by the end of 2011.
- b. Expense level 2(\$25): If we raise dues to \$25, and people want us to stock at the level we did a few years ago, we would be spending about \$1000 more than we take in. We would need to stock and patrol less than we would like and this assumes no cost increases for fish, postage, etc.
- c. Expense level 3 (\$28): This level would allow the TFC to stock at levels we did in years past and patrol. It would also allow for some cost increases and may equate to \$4000 reserve by 2012.

Member lot 197 LPR encouraged the board to raise the price by more than \$7. The TFC responded that we have to consider the larger membership and their views as well. Not every owner is a fisherman, so we want to ensure we set the dues in the best interest of all the members.

Member Lot 80 LPR stated that property values could decrease 30% or more if we lose the fishing club.

Carol Lewis from SOA suggested that the TFC move to fiscal year accounting to better align dues and business with fishing season and to more closely align with the annual meeting. The TFC board will take this into consideration for the annual meeting.

Ballots for dues increases will be sent in September.

Member of lot 86 SS asked if the TFC could move to a tiered membership? The TFC board responded that it has evaluated several alternatives and we will work towards making an amenable solution for all home owners. Member question continued with "What do we need reserves for in the TFC?" TFC responded that sometimes unexpected special projects are required. The TFC must also pay for the cost of a mailed ballot for any future dues increase requests and a reserve is necessary to be able to pay the necessary costs before dues for the year are received.

A straw poll was taken to find out what level of dues increase the membership would like to see.

- a. The members in attendance used their voting cards to indicate the expense level (\$21, 25, 28) they would like to see the fishing club request in the possible mail-in ballot later this year.
- b. The Straw Poll results were as follows.
  - i. \$21 (20 votes)
  - ii. \$25 (30 votes)
  - iii. \$28 (85 votes)

Bill reminded everyone of free fishing this weekend.

## 12. Comments from Membership

No comments from the membership.

## 13. Adjourn

A Move to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Van Gundy and seconded by Paul Grossnickle. The membership concurred and the meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm.