

2011 Annual Membership Meeting Meeting
May 21, 2011
10:00 a.m. Jefferson Community Center

1. **Call to Order** – Ken Black called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He introduced board members in attendance – Vice President, Bill VanGundy; Treasurer, Theresa Pugh; and members-at-large, Bob Ballard and Paul Grossnickle. (Marv Thompson and Rusty Scott were not able to attend.) Ken also asked board members from Stagestop and Lost Park Ranch who were there to introduce themselves.
2. **Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting** – Ken briefly reviewed the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting. Lost Park Lot 119 moved they be approved; LP Lot 260 seconded; minutes were approved as written.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Theresa Pugh gave the Treasurer’s Report. The balance in the treasury as of May 21 was \$20,959.67. Dues have been paid for all Lost Park Ranch lots and a majority of the Stagestop lots. Although \$3500 worth of fish was recently stocked, the bill has not yet been received. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by LPR lot 113 and seconded by SS Lot 275. The report was approved.
4. **Proposed Budget** – Theresa Pugh reviewed the proposed budget for 2011. The club expects to collect approximately \$900 more in 2011 dues from Stagestop and about \$500 in sales of guest passes. The stocking plan calls for us to stock about \$12,500 worth of fish for the 2011 fishing season. A question was asked about why we feel we need to carryover any money and Theresa explained that we keep a reserve of \$3000 for emergencies and to have money to find expenses like printing passes and newsletter before we get dues forwarded by the association. Another person asked if we need liability insurance but Theresa said that since it is the owner associations who own the fishing lease, they are the ones who carry the liability insurance, TFC only carries Director and Officer insurance. A motion to approve the 2011 budget was made by LPR Lot 119 and seconded by SS Lot 170. The budget was approved.
5. **Dues Election Report** – Theresa Pugh reported that the election to increase dues had passes by a 3-1 margin (325 to 105). The TFC dues are now raised by \$6 and stand at \$27 per lot.
6. **Pond Status** - Bill Van Gundy reported that both ponds at Lost Park a full and the pond at Stagestop is also filled. A new motor for the aerator had to be purchased by the TFC last fall but that allowed the TFC to aerate the Stagestop pond all winter. Fish seem to be doing very well. There are some issues with getting the big pump started at the LPR water aug pond by Stagestop. The big pump had the electrical switch burn out last summer. That was fixed but now the small pump that is necessary to prime the big pump has to be replaced. A new small self-priming primer pump has been ordered and will be installed in the near future.

A question was asked about the oil/gas tanker spill that occurred last spring. There has been no effect on the fish due to the quick containment and the massive amount of dirt that was removed to clean-up the spill

A question was asked if Bill was trying to transition others into being trained to operate the pond since Bill plans to move from Lost Park Ranch. Bill explained he is getting other trained. He has replaced the pump controller with a new unit that is easier to operate and would arc like the old one did. The biggest

problem is the time involved and getting people who can check the pump at least daily when it is running.

- 7. Fish Stocking** – Ken Black reported on the fish stocking. The first one for 2011 occurred on May 19. The day was cold and snowy but there were several people available to help Ken – Manny Franco, Red Duncan, and Paul Grossnickle. They stocked 824 pounds of rainbow trout. Most were put into the ponds because the stream is expected to begin flowing at a high rate due to projected runoff in a short time. There were also about 6000 bigger and 3000 smaller flathead minnows stocked in the SOA water augmentation ponds at Lost Park Ranch. The minnows only get about 1 to 1.5 inches long and are intended to be food for the trout until the pond ecosystems are restored after being drained. DOW has approved the stocking of the minnows. The minnows will be stocked at second stocking as well. Liley fish is giving them to us at their cost.

The next stockings are anticipated to be June 29 or 30; July 27 or 28; and August 28-30. We are paying \$3.85 per pound for the trout plus a delivery charge.

Parking for stream fishing may be a challenge this summer due to the county road constructions. When finished, there should be a pull-out where we can park.

A question was asked if the rainbow trout reproduce. According to what Ken is told by people from DOW, they think so because their fish cameras down near Tarryall see baby rainbows.

- 8. Patrolling** – Ken Black reported that the Park County deputies had begun patrolling for TFC on May 20th. This year, the competition to get extra-duty deputies has been more challenging since several other organizations are also trying to get deputies for extra duty. The deputies are also required to drop what they are doing and respond if there is an emergency call. An officer reported that had contacted a person with a hang tag only. The person questioned why they would be contacted if they had a hangtag. The officers will check to see if people fishing have TFC passes, and a Colorado fishing license. If someone is breaking the law, they can get a citation from the deputy. If they do not have property TFC documentation, we are asking deputies to notify us so we can send warning letter or fine.

Note: You are reminded that a peace officer – Division of Wildlife or Park County Sheriff – has the right to contact anyone who is fishing and ask to see a fishing license and identification. You are obliged to show them the documents.

- 9. Volunteer Patrolling** – Duane Mellinger reported on the volunteer patrolling effort. Duane is a full-time seasonal resident of Lost Park Ranch. He has been coordinating an effort by TFC volunteers to set up and operate check-point patrolling at the ponds. The main focus has been on weekends. Duane orients people and asks them to commit to being at the checkpoint for about 4 hours. The check passes as people come into the ponds to fish to see if their name is on our membership list, and they have passes fill out completely. Hats and vests and a membership roster are returned to Duane at the end of the day. More volunteers are wanted for this activity and aslo a person to coordinate patrolling at Stagestop would be very helpful to avoid making so many trips back and forth. This is also a great way to meet neighbors. A member asked, what if someone has no pass – should they be sold a guest pass or told to leave. Answer is that only property owners can purchase guest passes so they should be asked to leave. If they refuse, it may be best to get as much information about vehicle as possible but not worth putting self at risk.

A question was asked about why a guest was charged \$5 for a hang tag last summer. A patrol volunteer had misunderstood and had asked the guest to purchase a hang tag to fish. He offered to reimburse the individual.

Duane Mellinger reminded members that a hangtag only gives parking permission. There is no way of knowing how many people in a vehicle have passes without asking to see the passes.

An owner asked about family members age 16-21 fishing. Theresa Pugh said that if people let the TFC know their kids names and birth year, the TFC will issue membership cards for kids age 17 to 21 so they can fish alone. Another member suggested that developing a family policy be an agenda item for TFC. Another member stated that the TFC rules say the fishing is for lot owners and their legal dependents.

A question was asked about the procedure for getting lost passes replaced. Theresa Pugh responded that if passes are replaced, the member card is marked reissued. Guest passes are not generally replaced if lost but more can be purchased. TFC keeps track of requests to try to determine if there is a pattern.

10. **Election of Board Members** – Paul Grossnickle conducted the election for new board members. There were three members whose terms expired – Theresa Pugh, Bob Ballard, and Rusty Scott. Doug Grush nominated Manny Franco – Manny is a fisherman and helped with stocking. Theresa Pugh nominated Bob Ballard – Bob is also a fisherman and was the driving force for getting the TFC website set up. Judy Grush nominated Theresa Pugh – Theresa is a fisherwoman and has helped with several TFC projects over the years. Duane Mellinger nominated himself. Duane is a fisherman and has been working on patrolling for the TFC for the past year. He has some ideas for things he would like to help improve.

Bob Ballard said he would like to withdraw his name from nomination because he would like to see new members on the TFC board.

SS Lot 170 moved to accept the remaining three names – Manny Franco, Theresa Pugh, and Duane Mellinger - and SS Lot 66 seconded. The three were elected to the TFC board for a three-year term.

11. **Guest speaker** – Steve Perry from Stagestop introduced Gary Spuhler, Regional Coordinator, for Project Healing Waters, an organization that assists in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. Project Healing Waters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland. PHWFF is dependent on tax-deductible donations and the help of numerous volunteers to meet the educational, equipment, transportation, and related needs of the participants. The organization has been in existence for 40 years and has had a chapter in Colorado Springs since 2006. The PHW organization explained how they work with veterans and asked for individuals to support their effort by either donating their time as a fishing mentor or guest passes so the organization could bring veterans to fish. They hope to get a trip organized for later this summer for 8-10 vets and need landowners to invite them. No alcohol is allowed on the trips and they practice catch and release. The organization also carries liability insurance. Gary and his associate, Gordon Rotoff offered to be available after the meeting if people had more questions. More information is available about the organization at <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>.

12. **Workday volunteers** – Cliff Pugh, LPROA, reported that volunteers were needed for a couple of activities. A couple of people were needed to help install the new priming pump and there are a few

things like trenching for the water to run back to the river rather than down along the base of the dam when TFC overflows the LPR water augmentation pond to freshen water and for some fencing.

13. **New Business** – Ken reported that he had gotten permission from DOW to transfer scuds and shrimp to the two smaller SOA water augmentation ponds in LPR using bales of straw. The bales will be put into the LPR water augmentation pond and left for a couple of weeks. They will then be moved to the ponds at LPR with the shrimp and scuds attached.

Ken also would like help with installing some new signs that have a NO FISHING flap. The signs will be more functional than the temporary signs currently being used.

14. **Comments from Membership**

Bob Ballard thanked SOA for getting the ponds fixed in a timely manner.

A member asked the status of the Observatory Rock Ranch – As far as TFC can determine, it has not sold.

A member mentioned that the fences are high by Topaz Ranch. Although that is true, TFC still can fish.

Chuck Schwalier said he fishes the Observatory Rock and Topaz areas frequently. He is concerned that we show use so we do not lose our lease by adverse possession. He also said that he normally catches and releases. He reminded members not to throw fish back or handle them roughly and also emphasized that we are not to clean fish at the ponds or stream.

Duane Mellinger said he would like to see the limit changed to 2 fish per person.

Bonnie Wasson thinks lowering the limit would take away the fun.

Theresa Pugh suggested that if saving money is the issue, fewer free guest passes should be sent out so those who fish could pay more of the cost.

Jim Sylvester suggested preserving more by catch a release.

Stan Fredericks asked if minnows are building the ponds for self-sustainability and the answer was yes.

Dolores Franco like the scenario of coming back to the group – seems like we should not lessen the amenity after a dues increase.

A member asked about how many fish were stocked per pond – Answer was 175.

Bill Van Gundy noted that it is not unusual to fish the pond out at Stageshop.

Max Van Gundy reminded members of the Jefferson Community Center's all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on holiday weekends.

15. **Adjourn** – Ken Black adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Theresa Pugh