

Tarryall Fishing Club
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2014

Gary Belk, President, called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

President's Report and Guest Speakers

Gary Belk, President of the Tarryall Fishing Club (TFC) spoke. He introduced each board member and thanked them for their service. He explained that our charge as a fishing club board is

- to manage water in the stream and three ponds,
- to receive fish and keep them alive,
- to be good stewards of the Stagestop and Lost Park Ranch owners associations' funds,
- to provide enough fish that it is fun for all.

Sergeant Frank Conner from the Park County Sheriff's Office was our guest speaker. He served with Denver for 34 years and has been with Park County for since 2012. He owns property in Stagestop and has fished TFC waters.

This year, deputies will again help police our fishing areas. They will patrol and check for fishing licenses and valid fishing permits. Sergeant Conner also took the opportunity to talk briefly about a few other subjects.

Shooting Guns – Sgt. Conner clarified that it's not criminal to shoot guns at a proper backstop within the boundaries of the Lost Park and Stagestop subdivisions, but it does violates their HOA rules. It is okay to use firearms in the national forest but not within 50 feet either side of the road and a proper backstop is required.

Sgt. Conner's contact info – His direct line is 719-836-4120 (Thurs through Sat only). When you leave a message for him, please mention the TFC.

Colorado Fishing Licenses – Yes, everyone who is 16 years and older needs a current year CO fish license. A Sheriff's deputy has authority to ask for a fishing license. Both a law enforcement officer and a Division of Wildlife (DOW) Officer can enforce state fishing regulations. DOW staff comes around two times per day. The Sheriff only patrols the National Forest if he is called in for a 4-wheel traffic accident investigation.

Confronting Angry People - He also reminded attendees to not have a confrontation with aggressive people who are violating our TFC Rules.

Red Tags – To fish the river and avoid a Red Tag, the TFC members can park near the Tim Penny's Bordenville River Ranch in the emergency pull out along the road. If they display a TFC hang tag, Park County will not put a red tag on the vehicle. If a vehicle gets a red tag, there is a period of 24 to 72 hours before the vehicle is towed. There is no database that the vehicle's information is entered into.

Riding ATVs in the National Forest is fine but only on designated roadways. They must display an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) annual sticker (\$25 each year). ATVs cannot be licensed for street use and therefore cannot be ridden on roads in the subdivisions.

Cliff Pugh, President of the Lost Park Ranch Owners' Association (LPROA) spoke. He said their goal is to continue the very good relationship with the TFC which improves the fishing experience for all

property owners. The LPROA is working on a fire-wise community plan. The LPROA annual meeting will be Saturday, August 2 at 10:00am at the Jefferson Community building.

Doug Grush, Interim President of the Stagestop Owners' Association (SOA) spoke. He mirrored Cliff's comments about having a great working relationship with the TFC. Last weekend he saw clear water and full ponds. Their fire mitigation days will be May 10 and June 20 this year. The SOA annual meeting will be June 28. The Indian Mountain burn pit will open May 10th.

Gary shared that the members of all three boards met in October. When we work together we increase property prices and values. The role of the TFC is to manage the property owners' fishing rights.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual TFC Meeting

Paper copies of the minutes were distributed. Dennis Sheeran moved that they be accepted as written, Jim Sylvester seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Theresa Pugh, Treasurer distributed the printed budget flyer and reviewed the Income & Expense Summary line by line. She explained each line item and the costs. The directors' and officers' insurance is not listed for 2014 because last year we got a discounted rate for purchasing a two year policy. Jed Caswell moved and Doug Grush seconded that we approve the Treasurers report. The motion passed. Doug Grush moved and Randy Thompson seconded that we accept the 2014 Proposed Budget as presented. The motion passed.

TFC Board Members' Reports

Pond Status

Gary reported that there are many things to consider when assessing the water such as the Ph. (7 is ideal, 10 kills trout), air and water temperature, required water releases. Currently the fish are rising and jumping at SOA this morning. If you see a dorsal fin above the water surface that indicates the fish are having trouble breathing. We leave the aerator on all night when needed.

The two ponds in Lost Park Ranch are fed naturally by House Creek so the Ph. there usually stays healthy. The larger pond at Stagestop can be a hot tub in late summer. We pump water from the stream up to the pond to cool the water. The pond is down now so today they will begin adding water.

Millfoil weed matting has been a real problem in the SOA pond. In the past few years we have worked hard to remove these pond weeds. This year we are implementing a new plan to control the weeds and hence the quality of the water for fish. We bought a Jensen lake mower to cut these weeds early in May so the large mats cannot form. Duck weed is in the LPR ponds and it must be cut also.

Dennis added that the weeds are gone now – only some drying on the banks. The water is low and there are weeds on the bottom but the fish are rising and jumping there today.

Stu Knapp and Cliff both shared praise for Gary for his personal investment of time and money to improve the ponds and the TFC printed materials.

Fish Stocking

Paul Grossnickle shared details about fish stocking. On May 15 at 10am at the SOA Firehouse the first fish stocking for this year will begin. We will spend \$4500. to stock the river and three ponds. Fish cost \$3.85 per pound plus \$125 for delivery. They will deliver rainbow trout from the Liley fishery in Boulder, CO. There are no browns available this year. We will try to get browns for next year. Browns cost \$1.25 more per pound than other trout varieties.

Theresa added that it's not just the ponds. We are also trying to improve the fish habitat in the stream. We only have an easement to fish most of the stream but SOA and LPR do own some of the land adjacent to the stream. A member asked if we were stocking more fresh water shrimp to the ponds. There are currently no plans to stock fresh water shrimp.

Patrolling & Volunteers

Dennis is doing regular patrolling and would welcome more volunteers on busy holiday weekends. Fred Crane checks the SOA pond daily. Dennis and Fred encourage more property owners to participate in patrolling.

Violation Letters & Work Days

Theresa reported that the TFC sent out seven violation letters in 2013. The most common violation was people fishing without a guest pass or membership card. The first letter the TFC sends out is a warning letter to clarify what they did and explain the importance of abiding by the TFC rules. The second offense nets a letter and a \$50 fine assessed by the owners' associations. The third offense involves another letter and a \$100 fine.

Gary added that we want to minimize violations by educating our members about the importance of carrying the TFC membership cards. Fishing on our club's private waters without a membership card or guest pass is like driving your vehicle without a Colorado driver's license.

Theresa encouraged attendees to volunteer for Work Days at the ponds and the Annual Picnic on August 9th.

Special Events: Annual Picnic August 9th

Judy Sylvester urged members to come to the second annual TFC event on Saturday, August 9 from 11:00 to 1:00pm. There will be casting help, kids' activities and free lunch of hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert. Come for Fun, Food, Fish and Fellowship.

Realtors and Selling the Benefit of TFC Membership

Theresa, Gary and Judy are continuing to educate realtors about the TFC rules and asking them to represent the TFC honestly and correctly. Membership in the TFC is only available to people who purchase property in the Stagesop and Lost Park Ranch subdivisions.

Old Business

Gary assured members that we will listen and respond to all concerns expressed year round. He addressed a concern brought up at the meeting last year when some members had asked that we try to stock brown trout, if anything, in the stream. We tried to get browns but they were unavailable due to a disease so we will look into it again next year

New Business

Election of Board Members

Gary opened the floor for nominations for two board positions. The terms for Fred Crane and Theresa Pugh's have expired. Randy Thompson was nominated from the floor, but declined since both Fred and Theresa are willing to continue. Dennis Sheeran nominated Theresa be the treasurer and Doug Grush seconded. Cliff Pugh moved that nominations be closed and Doug seconded. Both nominees were elected.

Randy Thompson is interested is serving on the River & Stream Improvement Committee.

TFC Rule Change Suggested

Gary led the discussion on the "guests under 16: rule change. The new rule #5 will read: Guests age 16 and over must have a Guest Pass. Guests under age 16 do not need a pass but must be in the

company of a member carrying a Membership Card and/or a guest age 16 and over carrying a Guest Pass. Dennis moved that the change in rule #5 be adopted. Jim Sylvester seconded. The motion passed.

Fish Limits Discussion and Straw Polls

Randy Thompson submitted a request prior to the meeting that we consider a lower limit of fish caught per day, begin "catch and release" in some water, and require artificial flies and lures only. He explained that he believes if we lower the daily limit four to two per person, it could increase the quality and size of fish in our ponds and stream. Gary stated that since this would be a reduction of benefits, proper notice of a vote would need to be given but he agreed to conduct straw polls to see what level of interest those present have in the suggestions.

Straw Poll #1 Should we change the limit from 4 fish to 2 fish daily for adults fishing in the ponds and stream? The votes cast were 15 for and 35 against.

Straw Poll #2 Should we change the limit from 4 fish to 2 fish daily for adults fishing in the stream only? The votes cast were 24 for and 34 against.

Straw Poll #3 Should we restrict stream fishing to flies and lures? (no salmon eggs, no worms, etc.) The votes cast were 22 for and 36 against.

Several people shared ideas for making these new ideas work for everyone.

- Volunteers on the Stream Committee could research the value of limiting the daily take.
- Like with recycling, we choose to participate or not. So if you are in favor of lowering daily fish limits, then please do so yourself.
- One member suggested that a change isn't needed because we can always choose to take less than the daily limits.
- Encourage members to report on how they did at fishing that day in the Tarryall stream and the three ponds. Maybe they could add it to the TFC website

Raising the TFC Dues

Lynda Clay, an SOA board member, asked if the TFC is considering raising our dues. Gary addressed the inquiry by explaining that in our memorandum of understanding, the dues can only be raised after discussion with both HOAs and then mail a ballot to each property owner.

Introduction of Tim Penny, the new owner of The Bordenville River Ranch *formerly called the Observatory Rock Bison Ranch*

Gary introduced Tim Penny to the membership. Tim is pro fishing and very interested in stream restoration improvement. He asked if others are interested in working with government agencies and engineers to create new bends and restore old ones. He summarized by saying that better stream quality equals better fishing and that equals increased property values. Tim also mentioned that some TFC members have approached him in a very rude manner, and he would appreciate it if that would stop.

Tarryall Creek

A member asked about the fish capacity of this creek. Paul has the details and will check with DOW. He will share information and research he does on the website for all to see.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Grush and seconded by Dennis Sheeran. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.