

Tarryall Fishing Club  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
May 2, 2015

Gary Belk, President, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

**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 Stageshop and Lost Park Ranch owners associations' funds,
- to provide enough fish that it is fun for all.

Gary reported on behalf of Sergeant Frank Conner from the Park County Sheriff's Office. He was unable to make it to our meeting due to a funeral. He explained to Gary that the department is down four employees and stretched very thin. They are actively recruiting more deputies, so hopefully they can help us patrol our fishing properties this summer and check for fishing licenses and valid fishing permits. He praised the members of the TFC for being law-abiding citizens. 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.

**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 now designated as a fire-wise community. The LPROA annual meeting will be Saturday, August 1 at 10:00 am at the Jefferson Community building. A potluck follows the meeting.

The large pond by Stageshop has lots of muskrat damage. These creatures are extremely destructive and have made tunnels that are undermining the earthen dam. The potholes on the road will be filled in later this month.

Cliff reviewed the importance of observing the Park county rules while we fish the river. 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.

**Doug Grush, Treasurer of the Stageshop Owners' Association (SOA)** reported on behalf of Lynda Clay, President of SOA. They have done good fire mitigation work in SOA. The owners in SOA have a burn pit rights. Only 20 properties still owe dues for this year. He mirrored Cliff's comments about having a great working relationship with the TFC.

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual TFC Meeting**

Paper copies of the minutes were distributed. Jed Caswall moved that the minutes be accepted as written, Doug Grush seconded, the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Theresa Pugh, Treasurer distributed the printed budget flyer and reviewed the Income & Expense Summary in detail. She explained that the costs for Pond Care shows a significant increase this year

because of the herbicide we are using to control weeds in the pond located in Stagestop. Dennis Sheeran moved and Steve Burns seconded that we approve the Treasurers report as presented. The motion passed. Jed Caswall moved and Doug Grush seconded that we accept the 2015 Proposed Budget as presented. The motion passed.

## **TFC Board Members' Reports**

### **Pond Status**

Gary Belk updated everyone on the ponds. He explained that the number one reason the ponds exist is for water augmentation. The second reason is for recreation and fishing.

1. Small Pond at Lost Park: there are duck weeds present and the mower works well there.
2. Large Pond at Lost Park: no significant weeds are visible.
3. The largest pond at Stagestop has a continuing problem with Millfoil weed matting and sucker fish.

After discussing our options with experts at Liley fishery, the Colorado Dept. of Wildlife and the state of Colorado), we have chosen to use Sonar AS brand herbicide (active ingredient: fluridone) to rid the SOA pond of weeds and greatly improve the habitat for fish. We secured a Colorado permit to use the Sonar AS. It works best in static conditions like our SOA pond. The Lost Park Ranch board approved using this aquatic herbicide in the large pond at Stagestop. Details about the herbicide are on the TFC website. Studies by the EPA show no ecological harm in using Sonar AS. The herbicide inhibits the weeds from getting food and then the weeds decay.

*There are four steps for this weed reduction program.*

1. When we see leaves on Aspen trees: we will put blue dye in the pond to slow photosynthesis
2. 7-10 days later we will apply Sonar AS
3. Before June 15: we will do a second application of Sonar AS
4. The last step is to apply enzymes to finish the weed decay process

Cliff added more information on the sucker fish situation in Park County. Antero Reservoir is being drained because of sucker fish. It has 50% suckers. There are hundreds in the SOA pond and some are up to 14 inches long. The sucker trap we use is a cone-shaped entrance where fish go in and cannot swim out.

This winter our aerator in the SOA pond broke and wasn't providing ample oxygen for fish. Lost Park volunteers have rebuilt the pump and aerator so they are working now.

### **Fish Stocking**

Paul Grossnickle shared details about fish stocking. On May 21 at 10am at the SOA Firehouse the first fish stocking for this year will begin. We will spend \$3300 to stock the river and three ponds on May 21. Fish cost \$3.85 per pound for fish (12-14 inches long) plus \$125 for delivery. They will deliver rainbow trout from the Liley fishery in Boulder, CO. There are no browns available again this year. We have reserved browns for next year. Browns cost \$2.00 more per pound than other trout varieties.

Suggestions from members

- Fish on the southern part of the stream
- Hang tags are not fishing passes
- One rod at a time
- Fishing passes or membership cards are required.
- Wear your membership card & License on your fishing lanyard

### **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. Gary added that trespassers generally don't stick around or they walk in the opposite direction when they see him coming. He has already written down the description of the vehicle and the license plate to share with Park county sheriffs.

### **Violation Letters & Work Days**

Theresa reviewed the rules and regulations for the club. She reminded everyone to fill out the guest passes completely. The most common rule violation continues to be 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.

Cliff asked for volunteers to do more Check Point patrolling this summer.

### **Special Events: Annual Picnic August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Judy Sylvester urged members to come to the second annual TFC event on Saturday, August 8 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 Stagesstop and Lost Park Ranch subdivisions.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Election of Board Members**

Gary opened the floor for nominations for one board positions. Gary is willing to continue as president. Judy Sylvester has resigned, so that position is open. Cliff Pugh moved that nominations be closed and Doug Grush seconded. Keola Lobato was nominated from the floor. The vote was unanimous to elect her to the board.

The TFC has the following assets:

6hp Nissan boat motor	Sucker fish traps
Jensen lake mower	Oxygen meter
2 pitch forks	Lake water testing kit
3 3-prong cultivators	Aerator
2 landscape rakes	Pump
Weed whacker (half ownership with LPR)	Nylon Ropes

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steven Burns and seconded by Andre Lobato. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.