

## **DRAFT - PENDING APPROVAL AT 2018 TARRYALL FISHING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Tarryall Fishing Club Annual Meeting Minutes -- *DRAFT* May 6, 2017**

Gary Belk, President, called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

#### **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 also welcomed all of the new homeowners to the TFC. Gary presented the video from Jefferson Real Estate that shows the TFC portion of the Tarryall River. He also explained that the pond located in Stagesstop is the water augmentation pond for Lost Park and the two ponds located in Lost Park are the water augmentation ponds for Stagesstop. Gary gave a brief overview of the pond maintenance activities that have occurred over the past few years which included an application of Sonar AS to kill the milfoil weeds in the pond located in Stagesstop, as well as fixing the aeration. He explained that the goal of this summer is to use sucker traps to help control the population of suckers within the pond located in Stagesstop. Gary emphasized that grass carp and browns caught at the pond near Stagesstop need to be released back into the pond.

#### **Minutes of the 2016 Annual TFC Meeting**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Theresa Pugh, Treasurer distributed the printed budget flyer and reviewed the Income & Expense Summary in detail. Dennis Sheeran moved and Judy Sylvester seconded that we approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed. Theresa explained the proposed budget in detail noting that more money is allocated to fish stocking now that the pond conditions have improved and that the pond care budget includes new sucker traps. Lloyd Leyba moved and Randy Thompson seconded that we accept the 2017 Proposed Budget as presented. The motion passed.

#### **TFC Board Members' Reports**

##### **Pond Status**

General - Gary Belk updated everyone on the ponds. He explained that the water level is currently low, but the clarity is good and that we should be able to start pumping soon, which will take about ten days to fill to the normal high level. We will also be diking the ponds again this year to help with weed growth. Also, grass carp and brown trout caught from the pond by Stagesstop should be returned to the pond, but rainbow trout and brook trout can be kept according to the appropriate bag limits.

Stagesstop Pond – The sucker traps will have signs near them, please do not pull out the traps. Also, the buoys in the pond indicate where the aeration units are, Gary indicated to the membership should try to avoid them while fishing.

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Lost Park Ponds – The Lost Park ponds will receive an application of Diquat (spot killing treatment for weeds) once they grow enough to spray, most likely later in the year. The presence of suckers in these ponds is unknown but there are probably some.

**Fish Stocking**

Paul Grossnickle shared details about fish stocking. The fish truck will meet us on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the SOA Firehouse for the first fish stocking for this year. We will spend \$5,500 on 1lb fish to stock the river and three ponds on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We plan to stock more fish during the beginning of the summer since it has been too hot in August the past couple of years. We usually put about 150-200 fish in each Lost Park pond, 300-400 into the Stagesstop pond and the remainder into various points of the river.

**Patrolling**

Dennis and other board members are doing regular patrolling and would welcome more volunteers on busy holiday weekends. Property owners are encouraged to participate in patrolling to protect TFC fishing rights. Gary requested that as a courtesy, please show your membership card prior to requesting others to show theirs. Gary emphasized that guest passes must be filled out correctly and ink. It was clarified that members are able to use old unused passes, but are encouraged to exchange them for new passes especially if they are past the year dates. Dennis and Fred are available for guest pass sales and board members patrolling often have guest passes as well. A member questioned how often warning and violation letters were sent out and it was explained that about 5-10 letters were sent out last year and guest pass sales have increased which indicates that patrolling is working. Gary also presented a detailed map of the river access points and reminded members that there is a 10 foot easement along the river near the Bordenville Ranch house and a 20 foot easement everywhere else. Gary also emphasized that for quiet enjoyment the TFC requests members to refrain from fishing on the bridge over the river of the Topaz Mountain Ranch. If you encounter any issues during patrolling or fishing, please contact the Board.

**Volunteers & Work Days**

We do not need as many volunteers as we did in the past, but if you are interested in volunteering please let us know and we can let you know about any available opportunities.

**Election of Board Members**

Theresa and Fred are up for re-election and are all willing to continue as board members. Doug Grush moved that nominations be closed and Dennis Sheeran seconded. The vote was unanimous to re-elect them to the board.

**New Business**

Rule change – The TFC Board proposed two new rule changes to the members:

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**Legal dependent question:** The Membership section of the rules states: "Membership is limited to lot owner and their legal dependents (one membership per lot). ..." The question we would like to have more clarification on is that of "legal dependent." Although in the past, dependent passes have been given to owner's children up to age 21, the TFC board is proposing that we limit legal dependent passes to owner's children ages of 16 and 17. In that case, any owner's child age 18 and older would be required to use a guest pass to fish.

**Unaccompanied children question:** TFC Rule 5 states: "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." While patrolling, we have encountered some young children of owners out fishing alone. The TFC Board believes this is a liability issue and would propose that we change rule 5 to read: "Guests age 16 and over must have a Guest Pass. ~~Guests~~ **Anyone** under age 16 ~~do~~ **does** 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."

After some discussion, Jed Caswell motioned to accept the proposed rule change to the legal dependent question as written, Andre Lobato seconded. A few opposed, the motion carried. Additionally, Jed Caswell motioned to accept the proposed rule change to the unaccompanied children question as written, Bob Ballard seconded. None were opposed, the motion carried.

Native Greenback Cutthroat Project – Cliff Pugh, LPROA president, explained that the USFS and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are trying to reintroduce the native greenback cutthroat, an endangered species, in the upper reaches of the Rock Creek and get rid of some of the fish that have whirling disease. There has been a lot of research done and precautions taken to ensure that any impacts of the Rotenone used to kill fish for this restoration project will not flow into the Tarryall River or effect the TFC. They have requested volunteers to help pick up any dead fish.

Comments and Suggestions –

- Lynda Clay, SOA president, motioned to follow due process with the SOA and LPROA to potentially raise TFC dues up to \$40 effective 1/1/2018, Dennis Sheeran seconded, the motion carried. Gary indicated that the majority of the increase would be earmarked for fish stocking; however, research will need to be done to determine if the cost is justified.
- A member suggested limiting a portion of the stream to single barbed hooks. There was a lot of discussion around this topic and the board will analyze and discuss this suggestion.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Cliff Pugh and seconded by Andre Lobato. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Minutes submitted by K. Lobato