

2012 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2012
10:00 a.m. Jefferson Community Center

Board members in attendance: President, Ken Black; Vice President, Bill Van Gundy; Paul Secretary, Grossnickle; Treasurer, Theresa Pugh; Members-at Large, Bob Ballard, Fred Crane, & Duane Mellinger

1. **Call to Order** - the meeting was called to order by President, Ken Black, at 10:10 a.m. Board members were introduced as were owner association presidents, Stan Fredricks of Stagestop, and Cliff Pugh of Lost Park Ranch.
2. **Minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting** - Paul Grossnickle presented the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jed Caswall, LP Lot 119 and seconded by Dennis Sheeran, SS Lot 464. Minutes were approved as written.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Theresa Pugh gave the treasurer's report. At the end of 2011, the TFC treasury had \$4835.30. The balance as of the May 19, 2012, meeting is \$19,637.09. Dues were received from Lost Park and Stagestop with some back dues from 2011 coming from Stagestop. Fishing passes were printed and mailed and a first stocking was done prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeannie Mellinger, LP Lot 198, and seconded by Larry Sharp, SS Lot 48. The report as accepted.
4. **Proposed Budget** - The proposed budget for the upcoming year was presented by Theresa Pugh. It included \$12,500 for fish stocking – a copy of the proposed budget is attached. The budget was sent to the owner associations 2 weeks prior to the meeting as required by the MOU. A motion to accept the budget was made by Kent Jackson, SS Lot 196-197; and seconded by Bruce Meachum, LP Lot 254-255. Budget was approved.
5. **Pond Status** – Cliff Pugh, LPROA President, reported that the LPR water augmentation pond by Stagestop has been filled. The LPR water priority date is 1876 and they have only been in priority a portion of the time this spring. However, once filled, we can freshen the water by pumping since the amount that flows in will also flow out. Last fall a mat of weeds covered about 40 percent of the pond. This causes fish to get ammonia poisoning as the weeds block the sun, die, and decay. A huge volunteer effort helped clear the weeds this past fall and spring. Now the water and fish are looking good this year. Stan Fredricks reported that a modification was made to the spillway of the lower of the Stagestop water augmentation ponds in Stagestop. Due to warranty considerations, there will be no modifications to the inlet this year.
6. **Fish Stocking** - Ken Black reported that fish were stocked on May 17. Stocking was done from the firehouse and up-river, and all three ponds. In addition to the rainbow trout, about 100 grass carp were stocked in the pond by Stagestop to try to control the weed growth. Liley sold them to us at their cost - \$6.50 per fish. The fish are supposed to last several years and should help control the vegetation. Dates are not yet set for stocking – usually, it is done at 1 month intervals in the summer. We will be watching the water and weather this year due to the extreme dry conditions. Larry Sharp asked if there was any support for not stocking the stream. Chuck Schwalier said the river is self-sustaining. Steve Perry commented that he thinks more fish are needed in the stream.

Duane Mellinger noted that the firehouse is the most popular due to easy access. Dennis Sheeran commented that there is no reproduction from rainbow trout we stock. Larry Sharp said the density of brown trout is inversely proportional to the rainbow trout. Cliff Pugh said that is not good to make a stocking decision at the meeting since weather and water conditions will need to be considered at the time. Larry Sharp said we should reconsider our stocking plan. Bob Ballard said he fishes the river and usually catches 14 browns to every rainbow. Chuck Schwalier said that a landowner downstream stocks. Jeannie Mellinger suggested e-mailing a survey for what people catch and where. A member asked if we are not stocking the stream, will we buy less fish. Ken Black said the TFC would study the issue.

7. **Patrolling** - Ken Black reported that the plan this year is to get sheriff deputies to patrol but we will have to offer longer shifts since that is what the deputies are looking for and we will be competing with other organizations for their time. A member asked if we could pay someone from one of the subdivisions \$15 per hour to patrol. TFC has thought of this in the past but this would present a liability issue. It is better to contract with a trained law enforcement officer. A member asked if we should post signs that say “Patrolled by Park County” and another asked if we had fined anyone. TFC will consider revising signs but would not consider posting anything without Park County permission. Warning letters have been sent to a few but no fines were issued.
8. **Volunteer Patrolling** – Duane Mellinger reported that he had organized an effort the past couple of summers and spent many hours doing so. He would like someone at Stagesstop to help manage/coordinate the effort this year. Guest passes are the single biggest issue because some people do not fill them out unless they get checked. Duane told members to sign the guest passes and have the users enter their name and the date. A member asked what to do if someone should not be there and will not leave. TFC recommends getting their license plate and reporting the offender to the board. Never put yourself in danger.
9. **Access and parking points and Walkover** – Cliff Pugh reported the County Road 77 improvement project is now finished. Lost Park Ranch made an agreement with the Forest Service that a push-out area would be near our access the developers purchased from Thornton. A description is in the 2012 TFC newsletter. A new walkover was installed that goes from the State land onto the private land (the Winding River Ranch) at the end of our lease. The ranch manager that runs cattle on WRR asked that we put in a walkover so people don’t down the fence and letting in cattle from other ranches.
10. **Bylaws Update** – Bob Ballard reviewed our bylaws and recommended that a couple of items be changed. A motion was made by Kent Jackson, SS Lot 196-197 and seconded by Nolan Vanderark, LP Lot 197. The following changes were approved at the meeting:

The TFC bylaws were changed to update the dues amount by changing the amount as follows:

8. **Assessments.**

- b. **Rate.** Annual dues of ~~\$21~~ \$27 per lot shall be payable on January 1 of each calendar year.

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9. **Amendments.** The bylaws may be amended by the TFC Board of Directors at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors as the need shall arise except as noted below; however, these amendments must be approved by a majority vote of those members present or represented by proxy at the next annual meeting or they will become ineffective as of the date of the annual meeting. The TFC Board shall not be held liable for any damages resulting from any changes it makes to the bylaws that are within its authority but not subsequently approved by the TFC general membership, unless such action can be shown to be willful and wanton. The TFC Board shall not have the power to amend the bylaws in regards to TFC ~~voting rights or procedures;~~ voting rights and procedure. Bylaws can only be changed by a majority of votes cast at a TFC general membership meeting.

11. **Election of Board Members** – Paul Grossnickle informed the group that the 3-year term is up for Ken Black, Bob Ballard, Bill Van Gundy. Bob Ballard did not wish to continue serving on the board but Ken and Bill were willing to. Nominations were as follows: Ken Black was nominated by Brian Letvin, SS Lot 336-337 and seconded by Stan Fredricks, SS Lot 174; Bill Van Gundy was nominated the Theresa Pugh, LP Lot 227 and seconded by Bob Ballard, LP Lot 24-30; Steve Perry was nominated by Ken Black, and seconded by Larry Sharp, SS Lot 48. Larry Sharp, SS Lot 48, moved that nominations be closed, Bruce Meachum, LP Lot 254-255, seconded. Ken, Bill, and Steve were elected to the TFC board.

12. **Updates**

- a. *Healing Waters* – Theresa Pugh reported that the Healing Waters outing that was planned by the Colorado Springs chapter had to be cancelled. However, since then, Jim Sylvester, LP Lot 113 had been working with the Denver chapter and was going to use the donated passes to take wounded veterans fishing.
- b. *Shooting Range* – Bill Van Gundy reported that the shooting range is located off of County Road 15, near Como, one mile east of US 285. There will be separate ranges for small bore and pistol, shotgun, rifle with 200, 600, and 1000 yard distances. A DOW grant and lottery funds are being used to fund the range. It will be open to the public. Rater will depend on whether you are a member of the South Park Shooting Association, etc.

13. **New Business** - The question of whether TFC should stock the river will need to be studied.

Comments were recorded in the Stocking portion of the minutes.

14. **Comments from Membership** – No further comments.

15. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.