

Tarryall Fishing Club

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2018

Gary Belk, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

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 reminded everyone that the primary purpose of the TFC is to manage the fishing within the ponds and river, but the TFC works with the two HOAs to keep the grounds maintained. Gary summarized the work that was done over the last year which included repairs and replacement of an aeration pump, installation of a culvert, three fish stockings, Sonar AS treatment of Lost Park lower pond, removal of over 6,000 sucker fish, and added two new picnic tables in honor of former TFC board member, Fred Crane. Gary reiterated that suckers should not be returned to the pond, but brown trout should be returned to the pond. There were also two violation letters issued during the year, which were later rescinded. It is not the goal of the TFC to send out violation notices and prefer for everyone to follow the rules.

Lynda Clay, President of the Stagesop Owners Association (SOA). Lynda welcomed all of the new owners and reminded the membership to clean up after yourself at the ponds or river. Lynda also mentioned that they have placed an additional portable toilet by the fire house for use during fishing the river.

Cliff Pugh, President of the Lost Park Ranch Owner's Association (LPROA). Cliff mentioned that LPROA is doing really well and have been communicating through e-mail blasts and a newsletter once a year. Cliff also mentioned that LPROA is doing fire mitigation chipping on September 29th as they are unsure whether Indian Mountain will open the burn pit during the year. He also summarized the greenback cutthroat restoration project and how they will be reintroduced as soon as the creek is declared free of whirling disease, likely within the next year or so.

Colorado Fire Mitigation spoke to the TFC members about the need to help mitigate wild fire danger on all properties and mentioned they are available to help.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual TFC Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report

Theresa Pugh, Treasurer distributed the printed budget flyer and reviewed the Income & Expense Summary in detail. Lynda Clay moved and Dan Boyd seconded that we approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed. Theresa explained the proposed budget in detail noting that we plan to spend \$16,000 for fish stocking depending on pond conditions. Theresa also explained that there is more in pond care to handle additional weed mitigation planned for the year. Lynda Clay moved and Craig Cass seconded that we accept the 2018 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 will start pumping soon, which will take about ten days to fill to the normal high level.

Stagestop Pond – The pond is in great shape in regards to weeds and will begin to be filled as soon as it is in priority.

Lost Park Ponds – The Lost Park ponds are low due to the low flow from House Creek. The weeds in the lower pond have been partially eradicated and the upper pond is almost entirely covered in weeds which is planned to be addressed through a Sonar AS application later in the year.

Fish Stocking

Paul Grossnickle shared details about fish stocking. The fish truck will meet us on May 16th at 10am at the SOA Firehouse for the first fish stocking for this year. We will spend \$5,500 on 1lb fish to stock the river, the Stagestop pond, and the lower Lost Park pond on May 16th. We will not stock the upper pond in preparation for weed mitigation.

Patrolling

Gary reminded members that everyone is allowed to patrol and encourages proper etiquette when patrolling such as explaining what you are doing, showing your pass, and approaching the situation in a friendly and positive manner. Hanging car tags are not a pass to fish and should be used for ease of patrolling. Gary also reiterated that members are responsible for their guests and making sure they fill out their passes correctly in ink. If any issues are encountered during patrolling, they should be sent to Gary who attempts to contact the homeowner and then may ultimately issue a violation letter.

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

Gary and Keola are up for re-election and Fred's space will need to be filled as well. Gary is willing to serve again and Keola will be stepping down. Cliff Pugh moved to re-elect Gary, Paul Grossnickle seconded. The vote was unanimous to re-elect Gary to the board. Dennis Sheeran moved to nominate Steve Burns, Bob Ballard seconded, and the vote was unanimous to elect Steve to the Board. Theresa Pugh moved to nominate Cathy Burns, Dan Boyd seconded, and the vote was unanimous to elect Cathy to the board.

Old Business

Dues increase suggestion – At the 2017 annual meeting it was suggested to consider raising the TFC dues, which is discussed under new business.

Barbless hook fishing – At the 2017 annual meeting it was suggested to designate a portion of the river for only barbless hook fishing. The suggestion was discussed among the board and it was determined that all waters are intended to benefit all members and while catch and release and barbless hooks are encouraged, the TFC cannot restrict the use of some of the water to a portion of the membership. The south end of the river is fished less than the rest of the river and ponds and provides the best water for skilled fisherman.

New Business

Dues increase suggestion – At the 2017 annual meeting Lynda Clay suggested an increase of the TFC dues to \$40 a year. There is a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and process in place to increase dues and the Board is recommending an increase to the guest pass fee from \$8 to \$10 with the guest passes available for \$8 only at the annual meeting. Some members expressed concerns of the increase since it would make it more expensive than entering a state park and not all guests keep fish. Additionally, there was concern that increases in the guest passes would not generate nearly enough for the increased fish stocking and pond maintenance. A significant portion of the membership suggested going forward with the previously suggested dues increase since it has not been increased since 2010. Lynda Clay motioned to propose the dues increase from \$27 to \$40 to the SOA and LPROA members for a vote through the MOU process, Jed Caswall seconded, the vote was unanimous and the motion carried for the increase to occur in 2019 at the earliest. Lynda Clay motioned to increase the guest pass fees from \$8 to \$10, except at the annual meeting where they will be sold for \$8, Mike Habercorn seconded, three opposed and the remainder in favor, the motion carried.

There was follow-up discussion around the frequency and amount of requests for dues increase and suggestions for ways to solicit donations. It was determined that the old bylaws had a 20% cap on dues increases, but the new bylaws do not have a cap, but we will be required to state that we are suggesting a 48% increase in dues. There are no rules in place to limit how often requests for dues increases can be made and there are no limits on how much it can be increased by. There can also be motions to decrease the dues or guest pass fees in the future. It was suggested to add a donation request to the letter or do a donation day with donations that can be focused to a particular cause.

Comments and Suggestions –

- A member asked who the lessors of the fishing lease are – the lease is with Barber and Poleson.
- Garry reminded members that Colorado State fishing licenses are still required, fishing should be for quiet enjoyment, dogs must be on leashes, and there are no more bison along the river which should make fishing the river easier.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Andre Lobato and seconded by Dan Boyd. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Minutes submitted by K. Lobato