

Tarryall Fishing Club
Annual Meeting Minutes – Board-Approved DRAFT-
To be presented for approval at 2020 Annual Membership Meeting
May 4, 2019

Board Members Present:

Gary Belk, President; Paul Grossnickle, Vice President; Theresa Pugh, Treasurer; Cathy Burns, Secretary, Dennis Sheeran, Stu Knapp, Steve Burns, Members-at-large

Members Present: 66 (total of all members)

Call to Order & Board Introductions

Gary Belk, President, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Board members were introduced.

President's Report and Guest Speakers

Gary Belk, President – First, Gary recognized and welcomed new homeowners to the Tarryall Fishing Club (TFC). He gave a “Thank You” to everyone for their support. The dues increase was overwhelmingly approved. So now funding is available to make the three ponds and Tarryall Creek into better fisheries. The Board has made improvements and will continue to make improvements. He commented that the TFC Board works with the two HOAs.

Dennis Sheeran, acting for Lynda Clay, President of the Stagesop Owners Association (SOA) – Stagesop budget is in good shape with only 4 property owners who have not yet paid. Maintenance on the Stagesop ponds at Lost Park Ranch (LPR) will be done after this meeting. Volunteers are needed to help. The Annual Meeting is set for June 22nd at the Jefferson Community Center.

Cliff Pugh, President of the Lost Park Ranch Owner's Association (LPROA) - Cliff mentioned that LPROA is also doing well. He clarified that the ponds in LPR are water augmentation for Stagesop but the land belongs to LPR. Water is now being brought into the Stagesop pond (LPR water augmentation) from Tarryall Creek. He stated that he will be available after the meeting today to show anyone who's interested the access points for Tarryall Creek and the map and survey of the area is viewable at the front tables.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual TFC Meeting

Paper copies of the minutes were distributed before the meeting. J. Caswall moved that the minutes be approved as written. D. Grush seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The 2018 Income and Expense Summary for 2016-2018 with the Actuals and Budget for 2019 report was distributed before the meeting. Theresa Pugh, Treasurer provided the following details for 2018: total income was \$24,590.40 and expenses for 2018 which included the dues increase election costs were \$25,263.71. Gary brought up that the \$692 received under Miscellaneous was mostly from the sale of suckers. D. Grush moved to approve the 2018 Income and Expense Summary as written. E. Norte

seconded. The motion carried. Next, Theresa explained the 2019 proposed budget noting that there is an increase of \$3000 over what was spent in 2018 or \$18,000 for fish stocking which is dependent on water conditions. There is an increase to \$9000 projected for pond care and the projected \$250 for web publishing will likely be \$375 since we had to obtain a new web URL and design. We were able to have a volunteer, Bill Richert, do the web design at no cost. A question was raised on how much more fish would be stocked since there is also an increase in fish prices. Gary explained that although the prices have increased we should be able to increase the number of fish stocked and hope to be able to put more in the LPR ponds. J. Caswall moved to approve the 2019 Budget as written. M. Gerace seconded. The motion carried.

TFC Board Members' Reports

Pond Status

General – All ponds are beginning to fill. The State of Colorado notified us that we can start filling the Stagesop pond (LPR water augmentation) on May 1st. The State controls when we can fill and when we need to release water from and to Tarryall Creek. House Creek is flowing and filling the Lost Park Ranch ponds (Stagesop water augmentation). All ponds are about 8 to 10 feet in depth.

Stagesop Pond – The pond is in excellent shape. On a scale of 1-10, it is an 8 or 9. Currently the majority of the pond is weed free. Sonar AS was used in conjunction with NT Max to digest the biomass. Maintenance includes weed control, pH and aeration regulation for temperature control. Fish weathered well over the winter. We haven't seen a fish kill in several years.

Lost Park Ponds – The Lost Park ponds are beginning to fill. Weeds in both ponds were treated with Sonar AS and blue pond dye in June, 2018. The ponds were not stocked. We need to see if the weeds were eradicated and determine if more weed treatment is needed or not. The goal is to make these two ponds into better fisheries. Member asked if grass carp were still used. Gary responded that they were not. Next, Gary explained the game plan for the LPR ponds. If weeds are gone, then aeration is needed. There are 3 types of aeration: wind-driven, electric, and solar. The Board researched and opted for the solar unit with battery. Cost is approximately \$6500 for a unit with 2 diffusers that handles up to 2 surface acres. The upper pond is 1.75 surface acres. A member asked if the Board had looked at plants that aerate, provide shelter, and harbor food. Gary responded that the Board will look into options. Also asked was if there is a possibility to feed the fish. Response was given that the ponds still need to be brought into better condition first. Weed control is not simple to manage and several techniques have been tried. Another member asked if the herbicide used migrates downstream. Sonar As is used when there is no flow out of the ponds. It needs stagnate water to work. It is safe to the environment and humans.

Fish Stocking

The first stocking of the year is May 15th. Approximately 1500 pounds of 1 pound or bigger Rainbows, Browns, and Cutthroats have been ordered for a total price around \$6500. Stocking will take place also in June and July. Rainbows will be placed in the ponds and Tarryall Creek. Browns help to eradicate suckers and are placed in the ponds. Cutthroats will be placed in Tarryall Creek. We are also able to stock by 2 river-front property owners. Volunteers will meet between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the SOA Firehouse on May 15th. Paul commented that we have put food, such as minnows, in the ponds

before. There are freshwater shrimp in the ponds as well. Porta potties have been delivered to SS and LPR ponds. Member asked the question on how far fish travel from the stocking areas. Response was that is dependent on water flow but the fish do travel downstream. Also asked was if we stock golden trout anymore. The answer was no. Another question asked by a member was what amount is stocked in the ponds and Tarryall Creek. Gary replied that a fish basket holds 25 to 30 pounds. He estimated 18 baskets in the creek and the rest in the ponds. Also asked was a question on the life of the aerator pumps. Gary did not have a good answer but replied that the equipment is protected, maintained, and repaired when needed.

Patrolling

Gary requested that everyone help with patrolling. Make sure to be courteous, explain what you are doing, show your pass, and approach the situation in a friendly and positive manner. Respect the river-front property owners. Volunteers can get vests. Guest passes never expire. The greatest problem is guests not following the rules that are listed on the back of the pass. If a problem occurs, get the license plate and/or as much information as possible and pass it along to Gary. Gary went over TFC fishing rules. A member asked if someone is cleaning fish by the ponds or creek, should they say something. Gary said to please tell them that it is not allowed.

Violations

There were two violation letters issued. After responses were received, the violations were rescinded. The number one problem seen is guest passes that are not prepared in advance. Guest passes are to be completely filled out correctly. Inform your guests to read the rules on the back of the pass. Remember that you as the member are responsible for your guests. Guest passes are available for purchase with any of the Board members. One complaint received from river-front property owner that we need to manage the number of people along his area of the creek. Gary informed the members again to follow all the TFC fishing rules. If there is an altercation with a river-front property owner, be polite and do not engage. Report the incident to Gary.

Volunteers & Work Days

Help is always needed for pond maintenance and fish stocking. There is a sign-up sheet on the table up front for anyone who is interested.

Old Business

Dues increase – Election was held in October, 2018 and ballots counted in November, 2018. The measure to raise the annual dues to \$40/year passed by a vote of 388 to 82.

New Business

By-laws Change – Section 8. Assessments b. Rate of the Bylaws of the Tarryall Fishing Club, Inc. requires a change from “Annual dues of \$27 per lot...” to “Annual dues of \$40 per lot...”. J. Caswall moved to approve the change. D. Sheeran seconded. The motion carried.

Election of Board Members – Two Members-at-Large positions and the Vice President position are up for re-election. Current board members up for election all indicated they are willing to serve another term. D. Grush moved to re-elect all three Board members. E. Norte seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Website – The TFC website was hacked. The best option to resolve the problem was for TFC to purchase a new domain name of tarryallfishingclub.org and rebuild the site. We were able to have Bill Richert, who volunteered, design and rebuild the site. There is a member only area. Members were notified by email of the username and password. The telephone number listed is Gary's.

TFC Liability Insurance- Acquiring general liability insurance for bodily injury or property damage in addition to the directors and officers liability insurance is being looked into. It may be something we need to obtain.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Caswall and seconded by D. Grush. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by C. Burns, Secretary