

RANCH AT ROARING FORK
Fishing Advisory Committee

Minutes
April 11, 2008 Meeting

The first meeting of the Fishing Advisory Committee was held this date. Attending were Bob Jacobson (BJ), liaison to the Board of Directors, Ed Anderson (EA), Richard Sierzant (RS), Peter Breitenstein (PB), George Doxey (Doc), Ranch Manager, and Rick Carsten (RC), Ranch Foreman. PB chaired the meeting. It started at 4 and adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Bob Jacobson Report

At the Board's April 7 meeting BJ gave an overview of the April 4 meeting that he had called to organize the Committee. He reported the Board confirmed a Committee 7 with EA, RS, and PB as its initial members. It approved PB's April 6 letter outlining his thoughts on the Committee's short and long-term goals, and also approved the Committee's mission statement:

The Fishing Advisory Committee is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Its purpose is to identify, evaluate, and make recommendations to the Board to maintain, preserve, and improve fishing and the fishable waterways at the Ranch at Roaring Fork, to review and suggest appropriate amendments or additions to the fishing rules, regulations, and fees, to propose annual budgets of revenue and expense, and to perform such additional tasks as the Board from time to time may direct.

Vacancies

Three members of the prior fishing committee were invited to attend the meeting and to join the Committee, but did not. Each member of the Committee will contact potential candidates to fill the 4 vacancies and invite them to the next meeting (May 16).

Information Requests

Doc delivered copies of the following documents:

- 1) December 1998 Master Fishing Plan.
- 2) April 22, 2004 memorandum from the Board of Directors to Ranch owners regarding the Log Cabin Pond/Sopris Creek improvement project.
- 3) February 2006 Stream and Wetlands Creation Project, National Permit Application (the 2006 Master Fishing Plan).

- 4) March 5, 2007 Fishing Maintenance Plan and Budget.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that these and other historical documents concerning the Ranch streams, ponds, and lakes be kept in a separate file at the office or be posted on the Ranch website. In each place they should be available for review by the community.

Information Requests

Doc has ordered black and white copies of the stream maps and will investigate having them or an overlay prepared to show a grid. He will investigate whether the data of the owner survey can be programmed to show just the data of those who buy Badges. He will also provide the Committee with a list of the names and addresses of 2007 and 2008 badge holders by categories of the number of Badges purchased. He will periodically update the list for 2008.

Current Financial Statement of Fishing Fund

Doc also delivered copies of the following:

- 1) 2008 Fishing & Waterways Budget with summary schedule of “contributions” and badge fees for 2007 and projected fees for 2008.
- 2) Income, Expense, and Reserve statements of the Fishing Fund for February and 2008 year-to-date.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Fund’s financial statement be amended to state separately gifts to the fund and sales of the stream maps.

Current stream/pond maintenance plan/schedule

Doc reported that there is no current plan or schedule for 2008. The Committee discussed alternatives for planning this year’s stream maintenance. As a part of that process Doc will review Ranch files to determine when the ponds were last dredged. RC and the Committee will provide their recommendations for this year’s maintenance at the next meeting.

Website Link Site link to FAC documents

Doc is meeting the week of April 14 with the person responsible for the Ranch website to determine the best way to post Committee documents on the website. It is hoped that the Committee and BJ’s blog, “Ranchfishing.com,” will have separate areas on the site. Doc also will investigate creating an email address for the Committee so it can receive emails from the community. It is expected that the Committee will review community comments at their monthly meetings.

“To Do’s and Other Business

A. The Committee will discuss the documents Doc provided and the information that he is to collect at the next meeting.

B. Fish stocking will be delayed until after the spring runoff. Where and how to stock the fish may require expert advice.

C. The Committee understands that its responsibility does not extend to matters relating to Ranch water rights, to managing stream/pond flows, or to protecting against the prospect of a spring flood.

D. The Committee will review the basis for allocating “Headgate” and “Lake and Stream“ maintenance shown on the common operations financial statement versus the expenses for “Waterway maintenance” shown on the Fishing Fund statement.

Next Meetings: May 16 and June 6, 2008, each at the Gazebo starting at 4 o’clock p.m.

PB