

RANCH AT ROARING FORK
Fishing Advisory Committee

Minutes of
July 11, 2008 Meeting

The fourth meeting of the Fishing Advisory Committee was held this date. Attending were committee members Bob Jacobson (BJ), liaison to the Board of Directors, Richard Sierzant (RS), George Pucak (GP), and Peter Breitenstein (PB). Cathy Houser (CH) participated by conference phone. PB chaired the meeting. It started at 4 and adjourned about 6 p.m.

Also present were guests Board President Mike Gerber (MG), Director Dan Bishop, Bob Tucker, Mike Romanus, and Mark Shelton. The Committee thanks them for attending and participating in the discussions.

Old Business

The Committee and Guests reviewed a revised stream map and recommended that it be substituted for the map now on the website.

Citrine Plus will be sprayed on some ponds in the near future by Ranch Staff who will make sure that the product is mixed and applied in accordance with the manufacture's instructions. The Wrangler will give notice when the work will start. Warning signs will be posted when the work is in progress.

Approximately 1,200 trout will soon be placed in the streams and certain ponds. Both the need for more fish and where they should be placed were debated at length. Some argued we already have enough fish. Others said more should be put in the ponds.

New Business

PB explained that the Committee should report its recommendation for the Fishing Fund's 2009 budget and amendment to the Regulations to the Board of Directors by the end of September. He provided diagrams outlining the possible subjects of the reports, current sources of Fund revenue, and possible additional sources. The following outlines some of the subjects discussed and the different points of view.

Fishing Permit Fees

Some said the cost of Primary Fees is too low. Others said the price of Guest fees is too high. Even more diverse were the opinions of about the fees paid by two or more unrelated people or by entities such as limited liability companies. All agreed that what "group owners" pay should be "fair" compared to what an individual or a couple pays, but did not agree on how to achieve that "fairness." Nor did they agree on whether Permit fees should be increased, lowered, or stay the same.

Guest Permits

The current Regulations state, “Permits shall not be loaned or given to any person.” Nevertheless some understood that one owner could borrow a Guest Permit from another owner without violating the Regulations. One way or another either the understanding must change to conform to the Regulation or the Regulation must be changed to conform to the understanding--an issue to be discussed at future meetings.

Other Fees

Most believed a “waterways” fee should not be assessed. All agreed that a “nominal” fee should be paid to use a float tube on the ponds. Where and on what terms float tubes should be permitted was discussed, but only briefly.

Permit Requirements and Prohibitions

The Committee reviewed but did not approve an amendment to the Regulations specifying Permit requirements and prohibitions. Nor did it approve the amount of the maximum fine or other penalty that the Board could impose for violating the Regulations. It was noted that a fine had been assessed only once in the last several years.

Other Business

Maintenance: MG reported that work would start soon to dredge the Roaring Fork entrance to the headgate, down its channel, and in Patterson Pond to remove silt. He said that there is a reserve of approximately \$200,000 to pay for dredging funded by \$16 monthly homeowner payments. There should be a “fresh approach” to maintain and improve Sopris Creek. Adding structure in and landscaping along the new stream also should be considered. GP emphasized the Ranch needs a long-term five to ten year plan coordinating pond and stream maintenance.

Consultants: As the Committee considers outside experts for advice on stream maintenance and improvements it should include Bob O’Brien who has provided that advice and worked on the Ranch for many years. The Ranch Manager should be notified when a stream consultant or contractor visits the Ranch.

New Stream Loan: \$61,300 of principal and interest on the new stream loan will be paid in August.

Next Meeting: July 25, 2008 at 4 p.m. at the Gazebo.

Adjourn

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