

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL FLY FISHERS CLUB

34th ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT SANDTON FIELD & STUDY CENTRE

AT 12H00 ON 31 OCTOBER 2010

Attendance: 20 Members/Family, Shareholders and Waiting List Members

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Jim Allan, Jean-Claude Ambert, Sven Andersen, Brett Berry, Jim Frame, Kevin Knight, Fanie Lategan, Helen Lever, Tony McLoughlin, Ian McNair, Shane Richardson, Willie Ritchie, Sean Ryan, Geoff Taylor, Johann van Huyssteen, Louis] van der Westhuizen, Owen Wolf, Stuart Zipp.

2. Meeting

2.1 Matters arising from the last Annual Meeting on 25 October 2009.

The Minutes were taken as read. There being no matters arising, the Minutes were then accepted and proposed by Peter Arderne and seconded by John Carter.

3. Annual Report

3.1 Vic Dean read through his Annual Report advising that the membership had been retained at 110 with 20 on the Waiting List. He advised that a request had been received for special subscriptions to be applied to members who have retired and don't visit the farm on a regular basis. This was agreed to in principal and would only apply to members over a certain age which was still to be decided on. The proposal was that they would only be allowed to visit the farm from a Tuesday and leaving on a Friday as long as it did not coincide with a long week-end. It was further agreed that for each member granted this dispensation, a new fully paying applicant would become a member to make up the current membership of 110. Should the retired member wish to visit the farm over a week-end, they would then be liable to pay the full guest fee.

A detailed Fishing Report was attached to the Annual report and Vic Dean thanked Peter Arderne and Len van Deventer for their efforts in providing the excellent fishing enjoyed by everybody. A programme has commenced to rid Middelpunt of anchor worm and Dam 1 has already been dropped and the grass carp removed. The remaining pools and water upstream from Dam 1 will be treated to kill any remaining parasites. The next step will be to repeat the programme on Dam 2 and hopefully, with good rains, the treated dams should refill quickly and be restocked as soon as possible.

A Leeda Reel was found in Dam 1 when it was drained and is looking for its owner!

There are still problems of anglers not completing the fishing records correctly and Vic raised the following points:-

- a) Even if you fish for only an hour or so and catch nothing you must complete a form
- b) Fill in your name and surname not just 'Joe or Frik'
- c) Fill in one form per angler and not one form per family or group
- d) For each trout caught, it is mandatory to enter date, dam where caught and the length in centimeters on the rule on the cabinet at the club house. Weight is optional and when recorded, the trout must be weighed accurately before cleaning, preferably with the scale provided at the club house. Please don't guesstimate the weight as is so often done.
- e) Enter all fish returned, both rainbow and brown.

The DTF Board wishes to reduce the daily kill limit to:-

A maximum of 4 fish by any one member/shareholder/paying guest or 6 by his/her family or group

Only a few anglers have taken full advantage of the previous kill limits and it is felt that the new limits are still generous in comparison with other facilities in the country.

- 3.2 As far as the Club House is concerned, Vic Dean confirmed that the new flooring had been installed. Other minor general repairs had been undertaken and the Committee regularly assessed the condition of the furniture, beds and equipment and replaced these as the need arose. Members were advised that should they have any recommendations regarding the enhancement of the farm, they should forward same to the Committee for consideration.
- 3.3 Items of expenditure during the year had been TFFC advertisement in the Flyfishing publication, restocking of the medicine chest, AGM raffle prizes, gift for Kevin Knight, FOSAF Corporate Membership, weeding of dams and the Dam 7 bridge, mattress covers and bedside lamps, the braai wall, new flooring, and a picnic table totaling R59,749.69
- 3.4 Vic Dean advised the members that the TFFC 'Kitty' amounted to R37715.77 and suggested that it continue to be placed under the control of the Committee who were authorized to spend such monies as seen fit for the benefit of the members.
- 3.5 Vic Dean advised that the increase in respect of the subscriptions had been kept to a minimum of 11.27% and would be raised from R355.00 to R395.00. It was further proposed to maintain the Club levy at R20.00 thereby giving a total subscription of R415.00 per month.
- 3.6 Vic Dean confirmed that a News-letter would be sent out 3 times a year and since Stephen Meyer had resigned from the Committee, he asked for a volunteer to take over as Editor. As there were no volunteers, he asked Hugh Dean to assume this task which he agreed to do. John Carter offered the help of the shareholders as well.
- 3.7 Vic Dean advised that with the exception of Sheila Brittain and Stephen Meyer, the Committee had all agreed to stand for re-election. There were no volunteers from TFFC members to take over the booking function from Sheila and it was agreed that all bookings would be handled by Ivana, Graham Crossley's secretary, with immediate effect.

Michelle Ziemans agreed to take over the function of Secretary.

Vic thanked the Committee for the efforts over the past year and, on behalf of everybody, he thanked Sheila for her many years of commitment and dedication to the wellbeing of the TFFC.

4. **General**

Len van Deventer suggested that a TV/Games Room be built where the old coal bunker had been. This was put to the vote and was unanimously vetoed by the Members.

The problem of the “no shows” was raised again and it was decided that a book be placed in the house, Katy to be advised as to who had booked which rooms each week-end and she then make a note in the book as to whom did not arrive at the farm. It was also decided that members bookings at the farm only be confirmed once their guest fees, if applicable, be paid into the DTF bank account and proof of payment be provided to Ivana.

Members were asked to maintain their FOSAF subscriptions which were only R200.00 per annum as FOSAF did tremendous work towards ensuring our continued enjoyment of trout fishing in this country.

- 4.4 John Carter thanked everybody for attending the AGM and thanked Vic Dean as Chairman. He advised that the farmers in the Middelpunt area regularly got together for meetings to discuss and sort out local problems and to patrol the area as there had been several cases of cattle theft. He asked the members to keep a watchful eye for any strangers or untoward activities going on.

5. **Raffle**

Fly selection – Leanne

Nipper & Zinger – Morgan Powell, Selwyn Rogoff

Net Magnet – Merick Naude

Forceps & Flies – Clive Arrandale, John Carter

Priest – Clive Arrandale, Mandy Shepherd

Small & Medium Fly Boxes & Flies – John Carter, Graham Rogoff; Peter Arderne, Bev Dean, Dave Keet, Dave Thurlow

Extension Net – Tye Coakley-Eager, Mareyn Drake

Fosaf Fly Fishing Destination Book – Mandy Shepherd, Alastair Williamson

Reel Bag – Rene Dean, John Carter

Maglights – John Carter, Morgan Powell

Victorinox Knives – Morgan Powell, Jan Booyesen

R250.00 Voucher from Mia's – Leanne, Rene Dean, Dave Keet, Alastair Williamson

R500.00 Voucher from Mia's – Clive Arrandale x 2, Hugh Dean, Merick Naude

R1000.00 Voucher from Mia's - Leanne

Xplorer Classic 6/7 Stealth Reel & Sixth Sense Line – Merick Naude

Xplorer Classic 4/5 Stealth Reel & Aqualux Line – Joyce Williamson

Xplorer Classic 5/6 Stealth Reel & Sixth Sense Line – Tim Shepherd

Snowbee V Boat – Selwyn Rogoff

Alastair Williamson won the draw from the shareholders of a one year free membership subscription.

R4310.00 was raised from the raffle.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Vic Dean
Chairman
October 2010