

Georgian Triangle Anglers Association
General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2008

The President called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at the Clubhouse.
Present: Gary Lawrence, Dave Field, Bruce Green, Doug Parton, Dave Hodgetts
Regrets: Steve Amis, Brian Lane, Aubrey Sawyers
A total of 14 members and one guest (a potential member) were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

In the absence of the secretary the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2008 were read by Jay Kivell.

Moved by: Gary Lawrence Seconded by: Dave Field

That the minutes be adopted as read.

Financial report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Brian Lane, there was no financial report.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence

Committee reports:

Hatchery:

Howard MacDonald and Bruce Green reported that rainbow eggs are beginning to hatch. We will have 100,000 browns, 190,000 rainbows and 15,000 speckled trout. The browns will be stocked at the end of June and the rainbows will be stocked as soon as they hatch. The rental egg picker is working very well, saved a lot of labour and the eggs are looking great. We lost about 10% of the eggs vs. 20% other years. We have to return the rental and get a new one shipped.

Building and Grounds:

Doug Parton reported that the tractor was floated to Stayner and serviced. The grass was cut last week. There is a rental this weekend.

Stream Rehabilitation:

Dave Hodgetts reported that the Vanier kids cleaned way up the Pretty. A chain saw was melted and we replaced it. May 30th the Vanier kids will scrape and paint the clubhouse. Volunteers are required to help, bring scrapers, paint materials, etc. Gary and Doug will get the trim finished and the lights hooked up.

Membership:

Jay Kivell reported that 65 of our 104 members from 2007 have renewed their memberships. There are 11 new ones including some former members. We have 9 new members to count towards our "Sign up 8 in 2008". Jay has been very active in trying to retain members and get them signed up before the May 31st deadline for membership.

Some members have been embarrassed by his activity while others have complained about the methods in which he has been trying to get the members resigned. There will be a discussion about membership at the next Executive meeting in June.

Membership Drive:

In the absence of the Chair, Ted Fisher, there was no report.

Ways and Means:

Aubrey Sawyers sent his regrets. The Co-Chair Gary Lawrence reported that the Executive wants to see more active members. The Derby wrap up was successful and had many members and guests tour the facility. Donations of food, prizes, etc. were received. The bowling fundraiser is waiting for a member to Chair the committee. \$2,000 - \$3,000 could be raised. Please contact Gary if you are interested.

GTAA Volunteer Awards Program;

The Chair Rick Baldry attended just as the meeting was ended. The pins were purchased and the triangles are being added to them.

Entertainment:

In the absence of the Chair, Jan Fisher, there was no report.

Youth Activity:

Dave Field reported that the students of Jean Vanier School 1500 trees were planted on Black Ash Creek behind Blue Mountain Mall. Dave and Aubrey provided hot dogs and pop for the students on May 5th. As well, Daren Martel and the Vanier students planted trees on May 8th. The Pretty River Academy students and the CCI students were invited to help. Pretty River Academy has a fly tying and fly fishing program. June 14th from 8-12 will be Kids Fishing Day on the Spit. Rick and Aubrey are appealing for a donation of 75 rods and reels for kids from a sponsor.

Old Business:

Sobeys helped with fundraising during the first Saturday of the derby. They donated food for the BBQ that netted \$200. GTAA now has aprons that were purchased for the BBQ and they can now be used at events to advertise the GTAA. The draw for the rod and reel will take place at a future meeting. The financial results will be available shortly. Some suggestions were made for future derbies:

Tickets and ticket money should be reconciled

Determine where tickets were purchased and how many at each location

Advertising was late this year, a balance between advertising and cost will need to be determined. Use the web site, fliers, and community announcements on TV, radio, newspapers

The lack of a daily prize was detrimental; more money will have to be raised to provide daily prizes

The derby date needs to be established by September to get into the OFAH magazine events section

Tickets need to be available in January

We need a volunteer to chair the derby, committee members and more volunteers to help. The executive will make the decision on dates, advertising and tickets.

Vinyl will be purchased to place inside of the hatchery and new wiring will be required.

The cost for vinyl siding the clubhouse will be presented to the NVCA for their next budget year.

The telephone is still not repaired. Bell advised that we have been overcharged for years. Gary will negotiate to see if we can get a refund as well as getting it repaired.

New Business:

Fred Wilson advised that the Annual Diaper Derby will be held on Sunday August 10th. 75 tickets will be available at \$20 each. Contact Fred at 705-445-3796 for tickets.

Some clipped fish were used for eggs and milt at the dam in Thornbury by a sister club.

Activities i.e. derbies, work parties, etc. can be posted on the web site. Contact a member of the executive who will see that Kate Knox posts it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.