



GVR Hunting and Fishing Club Newsletter

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HERE ARE WE?

The club was approved by the GVR Board of Directors on March 22, 2016. Since that time the club Board of Directors has been busy attacking the myriad tasks that are necessary to start up a new organization.

Administrative Accomplishments

Our draft Bylaws were revised and were approved by GVR's CEO.

The first five member Board of Directors was formed. Bob Visscher, Tom Knox, Don Brown, Bob Forslund and Richard Toltzmann will serve until the elections are held at the first Annual Meeting on January 19, 2017. Richard Toltzmann and Bob Visscher are serving as President and Vice President respectively. Dan Rundstrom is our Treasurer and the Secretary position is vacant.

Annual dues were set at \$10.00 per year with a due date of February 1st. There are thirty paid members with about another 25-30 that have visited or otherwise indicated interest but have not committed yet. This is a very good start. The club should remain viable. An interim budget of \$300-\$500 has been set. The fiscal year will be coincide with the calendar year.

The club has been established as a 501(c) 4 organization and as such can accept tax free donations. Twelve members donated a total of \$253 in addition to their dues for startup costs. A checking account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank. Present balance is \$460.00.

An interim membership database has been maintained by Richard Toltzmann. Owen Bensen volunteered to handle the database and that responsibility was turned over to him.

Monthly meeting dates were set as the third Thursday of the month September through May. Six members volunteered to handle welcoming and registering. Refreshments will continue to be served as a courtesy and supported by donations. Bob Visscher and Don Brown have volunteered to take care of that important activity! Richard Toltzmann will continue to make all GVR room reservations until a Secretary is appointed.

Questionnaires were circulated to determine what the club should be about and to solicit

volunteers to run it. Response rate was above average and many members did volunteer to help out. Member interest is as follows: fishing 50%, hunting 25% and both 25%.

The information will help in the development of a Mission Statement for the club. The membership is evenly balanced between full time and part-time residents.

Don Brown created a fledgling one page web site and linked it to GVR's site. Check it out at www.gvrhuntingandfishingclub.com. Our club information can be found on GVR's site at www.gvrec.org under Activities/Sports Clubs.

Administrative – To be done

Prepare a Mission Statement. Primary issue to be resolved is will the club be just a social club or will it be a combination social and service club.

Develop a club logo as soon as someone can be found to do it. Help anyone? Need not be a member!

Respond to KGVY's request for information and pictures to be included on their Facebook page. That effort is in progress.

Develop an annual schedule of speakers/programs.

Create a library of pictures that can be used for our web site, newsletters, Facebook pages, etc. If you have pictures you want to share please send to rtoltzmann@cox.net. Especially need action pictures, not just pictures of dead "critters"

Develop a strategy for increasing club membership.

Make a determination whether or not the club will affiliate with the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM (TIC)



Trout Unlimited sponsors a program for school districts that wish to have students learn about water quality and cold water fish. In April Steve Reiter of the Old Pueblo Chapter in Tucson made a presentation about the program. It was offered in Sahaurita for four years but was

terminated when the teacher retired. Steve took Don Brown and Richard Toltzmann to visit a 4th grade classroom in Tucson that is enrolled in the program. It was really impressive how the fish and kids were doing. The club is presently debating whether or not it can serve as a catalyst between TU and a local school to get the program going again. We need your thoughts on this issue.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Two thirds of the members said they would participate in a field trip program so one will be instituted in the fall. This effort will fall under the purview of the Board of Directors.



Ninety per cent of the members wanted a Welcome Back Potluck. The first one will be in late January. Owen Bensen will coordinate the effort but he will need help. So step up! The possibility of a Going away Potluck in April will be explored as all members surveyed wanted one.



Jack Carnie will coordinate a "desert cleanup" "sometime in February. To date ten members have committed to help out.

More than half of the members wanted a magazine/DVD "Bring One-Take One" exchange. Mike Hickey volunteered to coordinate the program.

Don Brown, Tim Cameron and Owen Bensen volunteered to coordinate some type of "Swap Meet"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We desperately need a Secretary! This really is not a big job but it is very important. Major duties are to send out 2-3 mailings each year, make all GVR room reservations, issue public notices for all club meetings and events, prepare minutes of Annual Meetings and maintain and store all club records.

Two thirds of members wanted information on guiding services in Arizona and Mexico but nobody stepped up to coordinate such a program.

So far there are no volunteers to coordinate a "hunting/fishing buddy program"

This crude newsletter was written by Richard Toltzmann. As you can see we need someone who knows something about newsletters. Help!

Please email Richard Toltzmann at rtoltzmann@cox.net or call him at 520-904-8673 if you want to volunteer to help get the club get off to a good start.

MONTHLY MEETINGS



September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th

February 16th

March 18th

April 20th

May 18th

January 19th

DEER HUNTING

The application deadline for Deer Tags is **June 14th** either online, by mail or personal application at AZGFD offices. All applications are due at 11:59 PM.



If you miss the deadline, paper applications either by mail or in person, will be accepted beginning July 25th and "over the counter" tags for purchase will be available beginning August 1st at 8:00 AM at any AZGFD office. A Resident Hunting License is \$37 and a tag is \$58. The non-resident license fee is \$160 (includes fishing) and a Deer Hunting Tag is \$315.

Don't wait if you are serious about hunting this fall!

FISHING



Sahaurita Lake - Scheduled to be stocked with catfish sometime during the May 30th to June 4th period. Community Fishing License needed. Fees are \$37 for residents and \$55 for non-residents.

Fishing reports – The following info is from the AZGFD web site as of May 19th.

Rose Canyon Lake (Catalina Mountains) - Last stocked with trout on May 16th. Next scheduled stockings are June 12th and July 18th. Roostertails are working. One and one half hours and 62 miles.

Rigg's Flat Lake (Mt. Graham) - Last stocked on May 2nd. Scheduled to be stocked with trout on June 6th, July 11th, August 15th and September 12th. Fly fishermen are reporting success. Three one half hours and 162 miles.

Pena Blanca Lake – Last stocked with trout on March 14th. Bass and sunfish being taken with night crawlers. One hour and 43 miles.

Patagonia Lake – Last stocked with trout on March 14th. Bass are good and sunfish are excellent. Need daily \$15 vehicle entrance fee. One hour and 50 miles. Call store at 520-287-5545 for more up to date info.

Arivaca Lake – Bass are fair. One hour and 39 miles.

Parker Canyon Lake. Last stocked with trout on March 3rd. Bluegill good and bass fair to good. Two hours and 77 miles. Call store at 520-955-9522 for more up to dater info.