



## **Nashua Fly Casters**

**February 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Members and guests started arriving at the Nashua Country Club around 6 PM and enjoyed discussions with one another during the no-host bar social hour. The following members were in attendance: Russell Bartlett, David Braica, Robert Broadhurst, Keith Clements, Steve Descoteaux, Seth Harris, Mead Jordan, Kare Karlsen, Leif Merryfield, Kelly Merryfield, Harry Mink, David Mitchell, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Tom Ryan, Alan Sherburne, Mariel Sherburne, Mark Thornton, and our guest speaker for the evening who was Steve Angers, owner of the North Country Angler Fly Shop in North Conway, NH. Our guest for this evenings meeting was Mike Merryfield who came with a peacock feather offering.

Everybody was happy to see that Ray had returned from his surgical adventure, gavel at the ready, with Brenda at his side.

**NEXT MEETING**

**March 8, 2018**

**Nashua Country Club**

**Program: Yellowstone Angling**

**Speaker: John Bunker, Tailored Travels**

**MEETING at 6:00 PM with Dinner & Program to Follow**

Tailored Travels specializes in providing trip-planning services to visit our National Parks and fly fishing in Yellowstone National Park. John decided to establish Tailored Travels after visiting over 20 National Parks and participating in the Yellowstone Park Foundation Volunteer Fly Fishing Program for several years. He's spent over 150 days fly fishing in Yellowstone and has gained many valuable "lessons learned" after angling on Slough Creek, Soda Butte, Lamar, Firehole, Madison and Gibbon Rivers. John provides clients with expert advice regarding lodging and logistics, transportation and safety issues based on his experience. Please do join us for an evening of Yellowstone fly fishing true life adventures.

Kare Karlsen, our Treasurer reported that as of 2-1-2018, the cash balance was \$1,868.32, the total expenses for January were \$375.03 (NCC January dinner and donations in Memory of Judy Lynch and Phil DeMarzio. The total income for the month was \$1,636.00 (dinner collections, dinner raffle, donation from Don Boulia, donation from Mike Sweeney and dues from 10 individual members and 1 couple. The total membership is 59. Kare said that 22 members still owe their 2018 dues and he will send out E-mails to those are past due. The Treasurers Report was approved.

The January Meeting Minutes were approved.

Mr. Broadhurst mentioned that John Bunker will be speaking next month and that Lou Zambello will give a talk in April.

Old Business: Ray mentioned that due to the costs associated with our website, we will only update the website quarterly and E-mail the Minutes on a monthly basis.

New Business: Ray then asked Kelly Merryfield to give an update on her work with Facebook. Kelly said that the club's Facebook page/account was now up and running and available to club members to post their best fishing pictures. The Facebook cost was more to Ray's liking . . . free.

Ray and Brenda stopped earlier in the week at The Evening Sun Fly Shop in Pepperell, MA to pick up a TFO Lefty Kreh 9' 5 weight fly rod donated by Charlie Shadan for the upcoming Spring Pond Opening raffle. The retail value of this very nice fly rod is in the \$300 range. Tickets will be sold to club members and friends between now and the time of the event: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. Ray is looking for more donations from club members for this Opening Day raffle. Robert suggested raffling off a day of guided fishing instead as an alternative to equipment for the Spring Pond raffle.

Ray mentioned that Burr Tupper is looking for some help from club members at the Fly Fishers International booth at the upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly Fishing New Hampshire Show, formally called the Pelham show.

Ray announced that the fly tying session will be held at the Crossway Church at 6 PM for several hours on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Brenda Philippon volunteered to bring desert to the March Meeting.

The speaker for the evening, Steve Angers, owner of the North Country Angler Fly Shop in North Conway, NH gave a very interesting talk about trout fishing in the North Conway area of New Hampshire. There was some discussion afterward that we really should plan to organize a trip to North Conway and engage Steve for some of that great trout fishing.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Mink, Secretary

"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

**John Buchan**