



Meeting Minutes

Virtual Zoom Meeting – April 8, 2021

The following members logged in for the virtual meeting: David Braica, Shaun Clark, Bob Cox, Steve (Johnson?), Kelly Merryfield, Ray Menard, Molly Mink, Harry Mink, Ted Pelletier, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Mark Prolman, Ben Reynolds, Mark Samsel, Charlie Shaden, and Mark Thornton

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 6:00 PM Live at the Pond Cookout, Rain or Shine!

Fly Tying has been suspended by the church due to Covid.

The NFC Executive Board started their virtual meeting at 5:08 PM. The minutes of the March meeting and the March Treasurer's report were approved.

April 8, 2021 Treasury report:

Income:

Dues	\$300.00
Raffle (Shaden)	\$260.00
Raffle (Ice Out)	\$875.00
Total	\$1210.00

Expenses:

Bob Terrell	\$230.00
Rich Little	\$100.00
Sumner Brook	\$995.00
Total	\$1225.00

Cash Balance: \$6234.98

Ted reported that the Aerator project total cost ended up being \$2601.44. We raised total donations from generous club members of \$2565.00, so only \$36.44 had to come out of our normal funds! The \$2665.00 will be deducted from the cash balance above on the next treasurer's report. Way to pitch in, people!

Membership: Total: 61 Active Members, two Lifetime Members

The general membership logged in for the night's meeting at 6:14 PM.

Club President Kelly Merryfield called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Kelly welcomed attending members as well as our guest, Dianne Timmins. The March minutes were approved.

No new members this month, but last month's new member Mark Samsel was on the Zoom and was introduced to those who logged in.

New Business

The pond was stocked with 150 fish on, Thursday, April 8: 75 brown trout and 75 rainbow. Opening day commenced the following Saturday, April 10. Many members attended and enjoyed the coffee and donuts, and several members caught the year's first pond trout. Two fish were tagged during this stocking. They have orange tags with number 708 on them. Anyone taking one of these, please notify Ted or me, you will win a free dinner at our next Nashua Country Club Meeting.

A motion was made to replace the worn and tired picnic benches at the pond. Subsequent deliberation has the board optimistic these can be repaired at less expense.

Members are welcome to use the grills at the pond for themselves and their families/guests. The grills are pad locked, call any of the board members if you need the combination. If the attendees exceed 10 people, Mark Thornton would like to be told in advance, so he can alert the Church people. Of course, just like fishing the pond, Sundays are out for these gatherings until after 2 PM.

Our next meetings, scheduled for Thursdays, May 13 and June 10, will be at the pond, and will start at 6 PM. The meeting segment will be very short, we will order pizzas out of the Treasury for food. Members who then want to fish may do so, of course. Experienced members will show us their favorite knots. No alcoholic beverages allowed! To be held, RAIN OR SHINE! We hope to add more of these tutorial sessions for members at future meetings. Social distancing is encouraged and masking is optional.

Mark Thornton is going to ask the Church folks if they would like an intro to fly fishing day for the church families. We are looking at the best timing for this from now through fall.

Members are hereby notified and encouraged to **sign up for group fly casting lessons at the pond to be given for a full day by certified casting instructor and guide Michael Jones on Saturday June 12**. Those of us who have had Mike as a guide or instructor can testify to the

excellence of his instruction. **Mike requires anyone taking his lessons to be fully vaccinated**, and we hope all our members are getting the vaccines. If you want to attend, please shoot me an email or a text 603-490-2804, so I can give Mike a head count.

We remind members to check in with us on Facebook and to visit the website: www.nashuafllycasting.com. Our pond rules are posted there, too!

Spring Raffle Results: The winner of the half day of fly fishing on the Squannacook with Charlie Shaden was Ted Pelletier. The raffle raised \$875.00 for the club (this new total came after Ted's April treasurer's report). **Charlie was not only super generous in donating for the aerator, he has donated his half day guided trip for our Spring Raffle. Thank you, Charlie Shaden on behalf of the club members!**

The ice-out raffle was won by Rob Terrill!

Club members are reminded to make use of the club for networking with members and meeting to fish together. Perhaps members who have information on locales and hatches would like to invite others to join them when they go off to fish.

The above club business concluded, Dianne Timmins of the New Hampshire Fish and Game gave us an update of their program to stock wild brook trout across the state. Despite the dearth of limestone in our state, the Fish and Game has identified the most favorable brooks and ponds to hold a breeding population of these native trout, and is focusing their efforts like never before. So, if you want to go prospecting for these fish, you may be pleasantly surprised! Dianne can be contacted at: dianne.m.timmins@wildlife.nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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