



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2023, Courtyard by Marriott Nashua

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 9, 6 PM at Courtyard by Marriot!

See information/directions below.

Speaker: Steve Angers, Owner of North Country Anglers

Flies and fishing in the North Conway area

Members and guests in attendance (27): Kaydn Belesca, Matt Blanchard, Bob Broadhurst, Nick Brown, Shawn Clark, Bob Cox, Steve Descoteaux, Thor Fossnes, Bob Kelly, Dana Landry, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Troy Nickerson and his guest Debbie, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Alan Plum, Mark Prolman, Paul Randazzo, Diane Riehl, Fred Roedell, George Rollend, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, and presenter John Bunker

Club President Ray Philippon started the proceedings at approximately 6:10pm with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. The minutes from the January meeting were approved by all in attendance.

2023 Club officers:

President: Ray Philippon

Vice President: Mark Prolman

Treasurer: Ted Pellitier

Secretary: John (Jack) Ogden

February 9, 2023, Treasury report from Ted Pelletier

Cash Balance: \$4284.67 (includes \$817.00 equipment auction)

Expenses:

Fly Fishers International/dues \$100.00

Burke Advertising \$63.00

NCC \$640.09

Total Expenses: \$803.09

Income:

Total Income: \$3,135.00

Membership: 73 (3 drops)

Active singles: 69

Life time: 4

Families: 3

Dues still owed: 40 Singles and 1 family

March Meeting Location will be at the Courtyard by Marriot!

Thanks to our club member Fred Roedell, owner of the courtyard, for hosting us.

The address: 2200 Southwood Dr., Nashua, NH 03063. Phone number: 603-880-9100

Directions to the Marriot:

Heading North take exit 8 and then a left at the first set of lights. As you head up the hill bear to the left at the fork and the hotel will be on your left.

If you are heading South, take exit 8 and then a left at the first set of lights. At the second set of lights, proceed straight and as you head up the hill bear to the left at the fork and the hotel will be on your left.

When you enter the building turn left out of the lobby to the Atrium room, next to the bar. Cash bar.

The cost for the meal will be \$30/person. Dinner will be buffet style, including rolls, butter, salad, dinner entrée, coffee or Pepsi and dessert and will include gratuities for the service. At NCC members were paying \$27/person plus the club was chipping in \$5/person bringing the total cost per club member to \$32/meal. Then we had to provide our own dessert. It was unsustainable for the club to continue to subsidize the meal.

Reservations/meal count are still required for each member planning to attend and take part in the meal. Reservations need to be made with Ray no later than the Thursday before the meeting! Please e-mail Ray to make your reservation and he will confirm your reservation with a responding e-mail. If you do not get a response, you are not confirmed so please e-mail Ray again. No confirmation = no meal.

Ray announced that club member and owner of Evening Sun Fly Shop in Pepperell, MA, Charlie Shadan, has graciously donated six dozen of his finest flies to the club to be auctioned/raffled off at our monthly meetings. Thank you, Charlie, and Evening Sun Fly Shop.

Also, at the Meeting Ray posed the following question to all in attendance and to the club in general. As a club, what do members want to see the club offer to the membership? Case in point, many people expressed an interest in inviting casting instructor Mike Jones back, so we did. Are there other things you would like to see, presentations, demonstrations or classes? Please e-mail Ray with your suggestions.

Opening Day

The club pond is TENTATIVELY set to open on April 15th. Obviously, the date is dependent on the weather. This also means that stocking should be happening the week before. Please stay tuned for firm dates once we get closer. Again, this year there will be an Opening Day raffle. The Opening Day raffle this year will be a guided trip booked through North Country Anglers, like last year. You will have your choice between wade trip or a drift boat trip. You get to choose which trip you would like. Raffle tickets are available from Ted Pelletier at a cost of \$25.00/each or 5 tickets for \$100.00.

March Meeting (3/9) guest speaker Steve Angers, Owner of North Country Anglers. He will talk a little on flies and fishing in the North Conway area. This is sure to be a very exciting and information packed presentation. Much like the last time he was with us.

Casting Instructor Mike Jones has accepted our invitation to come back to the pond for another seminar and is currently scheduled for May 20th. Coffee and donuts start at 8am, program starts PROMPTLY at 9am, and pizza will be served for lunch. After Mike's last visit we all

agreed we got a lot out of the better part of a day, as Mike helped us work through our individual casting issues. If anyone will be missing this upcoming May session, and wants to hire Mike, as an instructor or a fishing guide on their own, he can be contacted at: mdjonesdog@gmail.com or on his mobile: 207-841-7975. Mike's only request is that everyone be there on time. Once he begins his program he will not be backing up for late arrivals. He is coming all the way from Maine and plans on being on time. Please do the same!

Club fly-tying nights

Club fly tying night will be led by Jack Ogden on two evenings per month. The regular experienced tyer class is still the first Tuesday of the month. There will also be a novice class held on the third Tuesday of the month for those just beginning or those with little experience. The next session for Experienced tyers will be 3/7 @ 6pm. The first session for novice tyers will be 3/21 @ 6pm. Both sessions will be held at One Tara Blvd. in Nashua (see directions below) We have extra vises and tools, we will provide materials, just email me (Jack Ogden @ discerningtouch@comcast.net) if you are coming and if you need to borrow gear. You can also come to just watch, learn, and have fun with us. Unfortunately, seating is very limited at this venue so please let Ray and me know if you plan on attending. This is first come, first served so please be sure to contact both of us if you wish to participate.

Directions to Fly tying venue: Essig PLM, One Tara Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062

From the South:

Rt 3 North to exit 1, at the end of the ramp go left, go under the highway and prepare to take your first right into Nashua Office Park. The access road is right next to the highway ramp so be ready for it. At the back of the building in front of you, turn left. You are now facing One Tara Blvd. Walk in the doors you are now looking at and enter the first office on the right.

From the North:

Rt. 3 South to exit 1, at the end of the ramp take a right, then take an immediate right again into Nashua Office Park. The access road is right next to the highway ramp so be ready for it. At the back of the building in front of you, turn left. You are now facing One Tara Blvd. Walk in the doors you are now looking at and enter the first office on the right.

Pond Cameras Update:

The board is looking to setup another meeting with the church so that we can find out what it is exactly they are looking for. We will also be posing to them that we will have a vetted/cori-checked individual be the only one viewing the cameras, if this is what they wish. We will know more after that meeting and then I will be able to bring you more of an update at that time.

Club members are encouraged 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.

Respectfully submitted,
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