



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023 Courtyard by Marriott

Members and guests in attendance: Kare Carlsen, Ann Carlsen, Bob Cox, Steve Descoteau, Thor Fossness, Greg Loosigan, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Ray Menard, Roselle Neely, Mike Noonan, Jack Ogden, Alan Plumb, Ted Pelletier, Ray Philippon, Mark Prolman, Paul Randazzo, Fred Roedell, George Rollend, Dale Seiberg, and Mark Thornton. Please help us in welcoming new members Ann Carlsen along with Dave and Connie Philippe.

The Guest speaker, Charlie Shadan, spoke with us about local fishing and local guide services.

Club President Ray Philippon led off the proceedings at approximately 6:20 PM with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the May meeting were approved by all in attendance.

Treasurer's report

Cash Balance: \$1,9691.63

Expenses:

Triangle Porta-potty	\$340.00 (two months)
7/6	\$135.30
7/31	\$63.00

Total Expenses: \$538.30

Membership:

Active singles: 48

Life time: 3

Families: 6

Winner of the dinner raffle: Mark Thornton

Winner of the Flies raffle: Kare Carlsen

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 12 Speaker: Rick Campiola

He will be talking to us about Saltwater fly fishing in general and also about his experiences fishing in Islamorada.

Our Fall fishing derby for the folks at Crossway Church

The derby will now be held on September 24, right after church services.

Volunteers, please plan on arriving at 8 AM so that we can get all the fishing poles setup and functioning properly. Please consider leaving that day open and come volunteer to HELP YOUR CLUB. Help us BUILD an even STRONGER BOND WITH OUR POND HOSTS! Last year approximately 120 church members took part in the event. LET'S PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE. If only 10 Club members show up that means each member must tend to 12 people who are learning how to fish, use spinning gear, in some cases for the first time in their lives! Plus, there is setup to be done, hence our 8 AM arrival. We desperately need volunteers to come and coach and guide all of them, so no one gets hooked. Plus, we will also need 1-4 people to man the grill and dish out the food etc.

The Club/Pond work day is the day before, September 23. Please come give the club a hand even if you only have a little time to offer. Many hands make light work. Thanks!

Fly Raffle 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.

The Otter is still visiting us! So, if you have any time to swing by the pond and see if it is around, please do so. Take a walk around the pond, maybe do a little fishing. Even if it is only for a short while, it is up to all of us to do our best to persuade the otter to leave. It will benefit all of us and every little bit of time will have an impact!

Fall Stocking: This year our fall stocking budget is \$1,200. More information on what will be stocked and when to follow.

Long time club member Dr. Seth Harris is offering to donate tying materials to any club member who needs specific materials. Simply e-mail Seth with what it is you are looking for and he will do what he can to accommodate your request.

Club fly tying night has now been split into two evenings. The regular experienced tyer class is still the first Tuesday of the month. There is also be a novice class being held on the third Tuesday of the month for those just beginning or those with little experience. Fly Tying is now being handled by myself, Jack Ogden. The next session for experienced tyers will be October 3 (as I will be on vacation the first week in September) at 6 PM. The next session for novice tyers will be October 17 at 6 PM. Unless otherwise specified, all tying sessions will be held at One Tara Blvd. in Nashua (see directions below). We have extra vises and tools, we will provide all 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 and learn and have fun with us. Unfortunately, seating is very limited at this venue so please let Jack know if you plan to attend. This is first come, first served so please be sure to contact me if you plan on participating.

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.

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.

Cameras at the pond have been, or will be, turned on very soon. After a face to face meeting between the Club Board of Directors and Church Officials everyone is in agreement that the cameras can be turned back on. There will be four club members with access to view the cameras after going through a NH State Police background check. There will also be 2-4 church officials who will have access to view the cameras.

There was also a conversation about adding more cameras for better coverage of both the pond and the church property. How many cameras, their location and the cost coverage are still up in the air at this time. A special thanks to club and church members Mark Thornton and Dale Seiberg for acting as liaisons between both parties and for helping to bring this situation to a successful resolution.

New dinner policy at the monthly club meetings.

For those of you who have not recently been to a meeting, things have shifted just a bit. Ray will continue request your feedback as to whether or not you will be attending our monthly meetings and if you will be taking part in the dinner for that evening. He must have an accurate head count and submit it to the Marriott one week before the club meeting. All those who will be attending and taking part in the dinner will be issued a dinner ticket when they sign-in upon arrival. Then, after we conduct our business meeting, the dinner will begin and only those holding dinner tickets will be allowed to pass through the buffet line and take part in the meal. This is now taking place so that both the club and the Marriott have an accurate count on how many meals we should be billed for. One last thing, when purchasing your dinner ticket for \$30, the Club Treasurer strongly suggests paying by check. This helps him with his accounting so please always use a check when taking part in the dinner. We have done this for the last couple of meetings and it is working wonderfully!

ALL CLUB MEMBERS! Please remember when responding to club e-mails to use the REPLY function and not, I repeat NOT, the REPLY ALL function!

Respectfully submitted,
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2023 Club officers:

President: Ray Philippon

Vice President: Mark Prolman

Treasurer: Ted Pelletier

Secretary: John (Jack) Ogden