



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Courtyard by Marriott

NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 8

Members and guests in attendance: Matt Blanchard, Steve Descoteaux, Anne Karlsen, Kare Karlsen, Greg Loosigan, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Carol Philippe, Dave Philippe, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Alan Plumb, Fred Roedel, George Rollend, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, and Mark Thornton

Guest speaker: Chuck Degray of North Country Angler and Guide Service in Pittsburg, NH. Chuck discussed the species he targets in his guiding service; trout, landlocked salmon, small and large mouth bass, plus Northern pike. They are all just a short drive from his home base in Pittsburg.

The Guest speakers for February will be Jonathan Bunker and Quinn Lumsden of Squaretail Anglers. They will be giving a presentation on Winter Fly Fishing on the Deerfield River. If you remember Jonathan from previous visits you know this will be a great presentation.

Club President Ray Philippon led off the proceedings at approximately 6:24 pm with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the December meeting were approved by all in attendance.

In accordance with the bylaws, nominations were made for Club officer positions at the December meeting. All were approved by unanimous vote in this meeting.

2024 Club officers:

President: Ray Philippon
Vice President: Mark Prolman
Treasurer: Ted Pelletier
Secretary: John (Jack) Ogden

Treasurer's report

Cash Balance \$2372.69

Expenses

Courtyard dinner (Incl Xmas) \$1165.02
Triangle \$170.00
Ray Menard (797.20 -dues 100.00) \$697.20

Total Expenses: \$1812.90

Income:

Deposit \$2093.00

Meal Raffle	\$48.00
Dinner checks	\$540.00
Total Income	<u>\$2681.00</u>
Total income for the month:	648.78

Membership:

Active singles: 48
 Lifetime: 3
 Families: 6

Winner of the dinner raffle: Steve Descoteaux
 Winner of the flies raffle: Fred Roedell

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.

Club membership dues will be going up slightly starting January 2024. Singles will now pay \$100 instead of \$90. Couples will now pay \$150 instead of \$130. The initiation fee will remain the same at \$75 for all new members.

The Church surveillance camera system has been updated and installed as previously described. A special thanks to Ray Menard for overseeing this project and for getting us the new equipment at a discount! Ray Menard, despite battling a mobility issue at the moment, was able to orchestrate installation and configuration of the new additional cameras. A special thanks also goes out to Steve Descoteaux for being the brave soul to go up on the scissor-jack and do the actual installation. One of the last pieces to this puzzle was the final configuration of the new cameras and that was done by Ray Menard and Bob Kelly. Thank you, gentlemen, for all your hard work for the club!

Also, attached please find the Club and Church Trespass Protocol, for your information and review.

Fly Tying

As you know, 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 a novice class being held on the third Tuesday of the month for those just beginning or those with little experience. The next session for Novice tyers will be 2/20/24. The next session for Experienced tyers will be 2/6/24 @ 6 pm. 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 on attending. This is first come, first served so please be sure to contact me if you plan on participating.

I need to know if you are coming to the tying class no later than the night before if you want to tie, so do I. Just let me know or I will be doing my tying from home. ☺

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.

Monthly Meetings

New dinner policy at the monthly club meetings

When you arrive at the meeting, please stop and sign-in before entering our meeting/banquet room. Grab your name badge and pay for your meal (with a check) if you decide to have dinner with us. When you pay for the meal you will be given a meal ticket. When it is time to eat you will then present the meal ticket to our server at the head of the buffet table. This is an easy way for us to keep track of those who wish to participate in the wonderful meals the Courtyard by Marriot are providing to us and those who have come for the guest speakers and for a little club networking.

Nothing has changed in ordering meals! You must still respond to Ray's e-mail regarding Yay or Nay for dinner and if you plan on attending the meeting. Whether you say Yay or Nay to dinner, you are then committed to that response. Which means if for some reason, suddenly, you cannot make the meeting, you are still responsible to pay for your meal as the club will be billed for it regardless!

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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