



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024 Courtyard by Marriott

NEXT MEETING Thursday, March 14, 6 PM

Members and guests in attendance: Matt Blanchard, Steve Descoteaux, Anne and Kare Karlsen, Dana Landry, Graham Loft, Ray Menard, Molly and Harry Mink, Connie and Dave Philippe, Brenda and Ray Philippon, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Alan Plumb, Mark Prolman, Paul Randazzo, Fred Roedell, Dale Seiberg, Mark Thornton

Guest speakers: Johnathon Bunker and Quinn Lumsden of Squaretail Anglers. They gave a fantastic and informative presentation regarding drift boat fishing on the Deerfield and other rivers of western Massachusetts. They fish virtually year round. Yes, that's right, even in the winter.

Guest speaker for March: Chris Kokorda will be giving a presentation on wading shallows and the flats for Striped bass on Cape Cod. He will also be presenting information about striper biology, their feeding habits and prey, plus fly selection.

Club President Ray Philippon led off the proceedings at approximately 6:39 PM with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the January 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.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance	\$3,318.62
Income	
Memberships & Dinner checks	\$1,904.00
Expenses	
\$25.00 NH SP CORI reimb (ea) (Ray Phillippon, Ray Menard, Robert Kelly, Jack Ogden)	\$100.00
Burke Advertising	\$63.00
Scissor lift rental-Ray P	\$412.85
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$575.85</u>
Total income	\$1,328.15

Membership:

Active singles: 48

Lifetime: 3

Families: 6

Winner of the dinner raffle: Ted Pelletier

Winner of the flies raffle: Dave Phillippe

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 have gone 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 The Church has been presented with the invoice for the Camera project and will be sending a check for their contribution.

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 Marriott 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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2024 Club officers:

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