



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2024 Courtyard by Marriott

**NEXT MEETING Thursday, April 11, 6 PM**

**Members and guests in attendance:** Nick Brown, Bob Kelley, Dana Landry, Joe Laurin, Ray Menard, Molly and Harry Mink, Roselle Neely, Jack Ogden, Ted Pellitier, Brenda and Ray Philippon, Mark Prolman with guests Pam and Chris Jarmuz, George Rollend and his guest Steve, Phil Sarocco, and Mark Thornton. We would also like to welcome new members Larry Brunaccini and Richard Koenitzer.

**Guest speaker:** Chris Kokorda of Cape Cod Flats Fly Fishing. Chris gave a very informative presentation about fly fishing the flats of Cape Cod for striped bass. He discussed things such as striper migratory habits, their biology, feeding habits and prey, plus fly selection. He also went into some detail about wading and wading safety for both the falling and rising tides.

**Guest speaker for April:** Connor Quigley of Thomas and Thomas (T&T) rods. He will be giving a presentation on the Thomas and Thomas rod collection. He will go over what is new and what is up and coming in the industry at T&T. Connor will also be presenting the club with a single 35% discount Certificate which will be one of our silent bid items at the May meeting. This will entitle the recipient to 35% off any rod they want from the complete T&T line-up, excluding their Bamboo line. This will be one of our Silent Auction items at our monthly May meeting, Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Club President Ray Philippon led off the proceedings at approximately 6:35 PM with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the February meeting were approved by all in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report

**Cash Balance** \$4,391.62

#### Income

Memberships & Dinner checks \$1,632.00

#### Expenses

Courtyard \$1,380.00

Total Expenses \$1,380.00

**Closing Balance** \$4,643.62

### Membership:

Active singles: 48

Lifetime: 3

Families: 6

Winner of the dinner raffle: Ray Menard  
Winner of the flies raffle: Bob Kelley

**ATTENTION:** As of this writing, 24 members are yet to either pay their dues or to simply respond back to Ted's e-mail regarding their membership status. Please respond and make arrangements to pay over time if this would be helpful to remain in the club. At the end of this month, those who have not paid their dues will be cut from the membership. Please reach out to Ted regarding your decision on whether you plan on remaining as a member or not. You don't want to miss this opening day and this year's raffle.

**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.

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

**Opening day** is tentatively scheduled for April 13th. Festivities will begin at 8 AM with coffee, donuts, bagels and cream cheese. We will hold a raffle for a LIKE NEW, Thomas and Thomas rod that Ray Phillippon got favorably priced by our club friend and member, Charlie Shadan at Evening Sun Fly Shop. The rod raffle will be held on opening day at 8:45AM and fishing will start promptly at 9 AM. We are currently working on getting the pond stocked and we are being told it will be stocked sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Thomas and Thomas rod details: The rod is a Like New, vintage Horizon model 9', 6wt, 2-piece fly rod. It was made in December of 1994. This is a like new rod which Ray will bring to the April meeting for everyone to take a look at. To give you a rough idea of the value of the rod, I found one on ebay that recently sold for over \$630 dollars. I asked Connor Quigley about the rod, and he said, "It would make a great streamer or big water rod, for a 6 weight line."

The raffle tickets will be sold as follows: \$25.00/ticket, \$50.00/3 tickets and \$100.00/6 tickets. Tickets can be purchased at either the April club meeting/dinner on 4/11 or at the opening day event on 4/13 prior to 8:45 AM.

**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](mailto: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