



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024 Courtyard by Marriott

NEXT MEETING Thursday, May 9, 6 PM

Members and guests in attendance: Larry Brunaccini, Steve Descoteaux, Anne Karlsen, Kare Karlsen, Robert Kelly, Richard Koenitzner, Gary Lambert, Dana Landry, Ray Menard, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Mike Noonan, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Alan Plumb, Mark Prolman, Dale Seiberg, and Tim Stoodley. I would also like to introduce new member Andy Lynn. Plus, we had guests of Mike Noonan, Darrel Glencross.

Guest speaker: Connor Quigley of Thomas and Thomas Fly Rods. Connor gave a very informative presentation about T&T fly rods, their design, and their advantages over the competition. He also discussed things like industry standards and how T&T is upping the game in all aspects of rod capabilities, design, singular, and cross functionality of new and upcoming models.

There is no Guest speaker for May as this is our annual gently used equipment auction and our newly introduced Silent auction. See particulars below!

UPDATE: Mike Jones casting class and clinic event, May 18, has a different start time!!!

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 Ted Pelletier's Report

Cash Balance	\$2153.12
Income	
Dinner checks	\$540.00
Flies	\$47.00
Meal	\$82.00
Dues/New Members	<u>\$560.00</u>
Total	\$1229.00
Expenses	
Courtyard	\$690.00
Sumner Brook	\$1172.50
Chris Kokorda (speaker)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	\$2,062.50
Closing Balance	\$1319.62

Membership:

Active singles: 36, Lifetime: 3, Families: 6

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.

Winner of the dinner raffle: Mike Noonan
Winner of the flies raffle: Mark Prolman

Opening day was a hit and many fish were caught and successfully released. Multiple members had a fish count bordering on double digits!!! The donuts and bagels took a pounding as some members obviously needed to keep their strength up with all of the fish they were catching.

The raffle for the LIKE NEW Thomas and Thomas rod, that Ray Phillippon got favorably priced from our club friend and member, Charlie Shadan at Evening Sun Fly Shop, was a success. The rod was won by none other than our own Tim Stoodley. Congratulations Tim!!!

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.

May 9 club meeting As mentioned above, this will be our annual Club Equipment Auction and our newly introduced Silent Auction. Please start gathering your gently used but still functional fly-fishing equipment, that you are willing to part with, and submit the items for auction. You can request a 50/50 split of the sale price with the club or you can elect to donate the entire amount to the club.

As for silent auction items: One of the silent auction items is a 35% discount Certificate on any Thomas and Thomas rod they sell (minus Bamboo). I have heard a rumor that there are also going to be things like a handmade trout net and a 25-year-old bottle of Brandy in the silent auction. If you would like to offer something for the silent auction to benefit the club, please contact Ray Phillippon with all of the particulars.

May 18, Mike Jones casting class/clinic details:

The church has had to schedule a retreat during the morning of the day we planned for the event.

Therefore, THEY HAVE ASKED THAT WE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE POND UNTIL AFTER 12:15 PM. Not early and not before. It is their property, and we must honor their request. So please DO NOT arrive before 12:15 PM. We will have plenty of time to hold our event from that time on. If you are early wait at the soccer field until 12:15. They don't ask much from us so, please respect their request.

Casting Class Timeline:

1. Members arrive at 12:15. Set up your rods.
2. Pizza is served at 12:30.
3. Mike Jones begins his presentation at 12:30. Please be on time as Mike will not restart his presentation.
4. 1:15-1:30 members spread out around pond to begin casting, Mike Jones will circulate to help people with their casting technique.

Mike will stay until 4 or 5 PM, and as long as members wish for help with their casting. Fishing will be allowed later in day as safety becomes less of a concern. Bring a net if you fish.

Bring a chair for comfort during his presentation. There will be limited seating on our picnic benches.

Please CONFIRM TO RAY BY EMAIL, ray.philippon@comcast.net, OR PHONE, 603-930-5309, IF YOU WILL ATTEND, SO WE CAN ORDER THE PIZZA. There will be no charge to members.

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.

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