

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024 Courtyard by Marriott



**NEXT MEETING Thursday, November 14, 6 PM**

**Holiday Yankee Swap, see below for guidelines**

**Members and guests in attendance:** Bob Berube, Steve Descoteaux, Dana Landry, Greg Loosigan, Ray Menard, Harry and Molly Mink, Troy Nickerson and his guest Keith Gudda, Ted Pelletier, Ray and Brenda Philippon, Mark Prolman, Fred Roedel, George Rollend, Dale Seiberg and his guest Bob Barby, and Tim Stoodley

**Guest Speaker:** Dave Steeves of Far Bank addressed wade and boat fishing of the Cape Cod flats.

Club President Ray Philippon led off the proceedings at approximately 6:25 PM with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the October meeting were accepted after some discussion regarding the dues increase (more on this topic to follow below).

**Treasurer's report,** presented by Club Treasurer Ted Pelletier

<b>Cash Balance</b>	\$395.45
<b>Income</b>	
Fish stocking donations	\$1185.00
Club Dinner	\$445.00
Ted (floating contribution)	<u>\$750.00</u>
Deposit/Total Income	\$2380.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Burke Advertising	\$63.00
Triangle	\$170.00
Courtyard	\$510.00
Sumner Brook Trout	\$690.00
Presenter – Evelyn King	\$100.00
Owed Ted (see above)	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2233.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$506.45

### **Membership**

Active Singles: 50, Lifetime: 3, Families: 6

Prior to accepting the October meeting minutes, a question was asked how did the board come to this decision? In summary, as you could see in the October meeting minutes, the club was insolvent, AKA ... Broke. This has happened, this time of year, for the past three years but Ted Pelletier has financed the club each year until the next years dues came in and he would repay himself. Once the entire Executive Board heard of this, it was determined that the club dues need to go up just enough to potentially cover the annual short fall. Hence the new dues rates. We are not a for profit club and everything we spend is geared to making the club better. The dues, effective January 1, 2025, will be: Singles membership \$150/year and the Family membership \$200/year. Hopefully this inflation will stabilize soon.

This brings me to another point, and I am sorry if you think I am ganging up on your wallets, but here it is, starting at the December club meeting, the flies raffle will now be \$10/ticket or \$20/3 tickets.

Before you start complaining; at \$10/ticket, that is 83 cents per fly. Where else can you buy hand tied flies for 83 cents?

By the way, every cent raised in this raffle goes right back into our pond in the form of more or larger fish each time we stock.

Club members are encouraged to make use of the club for networking with other members. Whether it be for personal or professional connection. Especially for those of you who would like to spend some time fishing with like-minded folks. Perhaps those of you who have information on locales and hatches and would not mind sharing that knowledge. You could also invite others so that we can all learn about new areas.

**Winner of the dinner raffle:** Jack Ogden

**Winner of the flies raffle:** Ray Menard

**Guest Speaker** Dave Steeves of Far Bank. Far Bank owns Sage, Redington and Rio products. Dave gave an outstanding presentation of both wade and boat fishing of the Cape Cod flats.

### **December meeting, voting in our club officers and annual Yankee Swap**

#### **Nominations of Officers for 2025:**

President:	Jack Ogden
Vice President:	Ray Philippon
Treasurer:	Ted Pelletier
Secretary:	Tim Stoodley

If anyone else would like to put their name into the hat for any office, please e-mail all current club officers with your intentions and you will be added to the list.

It was brought to the attention of everyone present that we do not participate in the Yankee Swap to our full potential. The "goal" of the Yankee Swap is to stir things up and claim a better prize from those who went before you. So, this year, bring a thick skin and a good sense of humor and claim what it is you want but know you may not have it for very long!

**Stocking the pond** occurred on November 6. We stocked:

(50) 10-12" Browns

(50) 12-14" Rainbows

Just as a point of interest, a club member caught and released a Brookie within the last couple of weeks. The club has not stocked any Brookies for over two years now. We should all take to heart that our efforts as a club to maintain and fishable pond is certainly paying dividends when things like this happen.

Dale Seiberg has been very instrumental this year in helping and organizing various activities centered around the pond. Because of his time and hard work this year at both fishing derbies, stocking, and general maintenance, Dale has been named Pond Committee Chairman. Please join me in congratulating Dale on this accomplishment and for all his hard work with the events and keeping the pond looking great!

The Porta-Potty will remain onsite until November 30, 2024

**Fly Tying** As most of you know, club fly tying night now occurs on two evenings per month. The regular experienced tyer class is still the first Tuesday of the month. The novice class is being held on the third Tuesday of the month. You may or may not know that we usually take the summer break off from tying. So, with that said, the next session for novice tyers will be November 19, 2024. The next session for experienced tyers will be December 3, 2024, at 6 PM as I will be out of town for the usual November date of the class. 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 me know if you plan on attending. I need to know if you are coming to the tying class no later than 6 PM the night before! If you want to tie, so do I. Just let me know or I will be doing my tying at home. ☺

I would also give a big shout out to member Rick Parziale and say thank you for donating all of your fly-tying equipment, books, magazines and supplies to the club's fly tying educational efforts. They are greatly appreciated and will certainly be put to good use. Thank you, Rick, very much!

**Please let me know if there is any fly you would like to see tied!**

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 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 all of a sudden you cannot make the meeting, you are still responsible to pay for your meal as the club will be billed for it regardless!

**Our Web and Facebook pages** are in desperate need of some up-to-date photos and stories of member fishing excursions. Whether at the pond or somewhere else. Please send photos, stories, and even shout outs to friends or guides to me for addition to the website ASAP.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**2024 Club officers:**  
President: Ray Philippon  
Vice President: Mark Prolman  
Treasurer: Ted Pelletier  
Secretary: John (Jack) Ogden