



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2025 Courtyard by Marriott

**NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 13, 6 PM**

**Members and guests in attendance:** Larry Brunaccini and his guest Eric Krosky, Kare and Anne Karlsen, Richard Koenitzer, Dana Landry, Bob Landry, Greg Loosigan, Harry and Molly Mink, Troy Nickerson, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Ray and Brenda Philippon, Alan Plumb, George Rollend, Paul Randazzo, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, and Mark Thornton

**Guest Speakers:** Tom and Dan Harrison of Harrison Anglers. They gave an excellent presentation on winter angling on the Deerfield and Hoosic Rivers in western MA. They also talked about other rivers that they are expanding out to in Vermont and New York that are showing significant promise. They guide all year round but this presentation was focused on the winter fishing which produces a higher percentage of large fish, mostly browns. These larger fish tend to feed more than the smaller fish during the winter. Visit their website, [harrisonanglers.com](http://harrisonanglers.com), for more information. As a side note, I have fished with them twice and they and their guides are excellent.

Club President Jack Ogden led off the proceedings at approximately 6:20 PM with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the December meeting were approved by those in attendance.

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

<b>Cash Balance</b>	\$4908.78
<b>Income</b>	
Deposit/Total Income	\$3019.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Courtyard/Dinner	TBD
Total Expenses	
TBD	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$4908.78 (minus dinner expenses)

### **Membership**

Active Singles: 44, Lifetime: 2, Families: 5

Prior to the meeting the Board discussed:

- Next month's guest will be Bob Mallard of the Native Fish Coalition. Bob is registered Maine guide for trout, landlocks, and bass. His presentation will be highly informative. There is a growing push to manage viable waterways for native fish in many states, including most in New England.
- There will be a raffle for Opening Day for a guided trip. The actual trip is TBD at this time. Expected costs will be \$25 for one ticket and 5 tickets for \$100.
- It was noted that, as of January 1, 2025, dues for 15 singles members and 3 family members had been received. An email has gone out to all members requiring dues to be paid by January 31.

There was some discussion during the meeting regarding the club's status. The club is **not** a registered non-profit. There are advantages and disadvantages to this. There are additional costs and reporting involved to obtain this status. Having the status could make the club eligible for grant money from the state. The board will examine the issue further.

Jack noted that fly-tying is cancelled for February as he will be out of state. Ray will lead the February meeting in his stead.

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.

One area that I take advantage of during the closed season are several rivers near the seacoast (Lamprey, Coheco, Isinglass, and Exeter) that are stocked by the Three Rivers group for catch and release. If you are not aware of this and would like more information, please see me.

**Winner of the dinner raffle:** Bob Landry

**Winner of the flies raffle:** Tim Stoodley

**New Board Officers for 2025:**

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

**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 experienced tyers will be March 4, at 6 PM. The reason being that Jack will be out of town for both the first and third Tuesday in February, so there will be no fly-tying next month.

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 Jack if you plan on participating and if you need any tools.

He needs to know if you are coming to the tying class no later than 6pm the night before! If you want to tie, so does he. Just let him know or he will be doing his tying from home. ☺

**Please let Jack 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 provided by the Courtyard by Marriott 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 email 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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