



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2025 Courtyard by Marriott

NEXT MEETING Thursday, April 10, 6 PM

Members and guests in attendance: Bob Bluhm, Garry Crago, Anne and Kare Karlsen, Richard Koenitzer, Dana Landry, Bob Landry, Greg Loosigan, Ray Menard, Harry and Molly Mink, Roselle Neely, Troy Nickerson, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Ray and Brenda Philippon, Alan Plumb, Mark Prolman, Paul Randazzo, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, and Mark Thornton

Guest Speaker: Dave Kolesar – Dave is a registered NH Guide who hails from Lyndeborough. He guides in multiple areas throughout the state, moving as the season progresses. He is a certified FFI single-handed casting instructor. His presentation focused on fishing Grand Lake Stream in Maine. He had excellent information and pictures regarding locations and tactics to fish for the landlocked salmon that inhabit this famous short stretch of river. Note that Dave fished this river, he does not guide on it but it is clearly one of his favorite places.

Club President Jack Ogden led off the proceedings at approximately 6:30 PM with the playing of the National Anthem. The minutes from the February meeting were approved by those in attendance.

Treasurer's report, presented by Club Treasurer Ted Pelletier

Cash Balance	\$6602.78
Income	
Total Income	\$927.00
Expenses	
Courtyard/Dinner	\$660.00
Total Expenses	\$660.00
Closing Balance	\$6602.78

Membership

Active Singles: 47, Lifetime: 2, Families: 5

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Upcoming Events:

April Meeting: The April meeting will be held on the 13th at the Courtyard Marriot. The meeting will be an auction of the items that club members have decided to part with – those items that are sitting in a closet collecting dust. Everyone is encouraged to bring fishing-related items, preferably in good working order, to the club for bidding. Members can do a 50-50 split on money obtained with 50% going to the club and 50% going to the member or they could donate the entire proceeds to the club. This should be a fun night with some interesting items for sale.

Opening Day! Opening day is scheduled for April 19th with coffee/donuts /muffins at 8:00 and fishing commencing at 9. Final determination on exact numbers and sizes of fish will be done in the next week. Because of the generous donation from the Merrimack Valley TU chapter, their board members have been invited to attend. **NOTE: RAIN OR SHINE.**

Opening Day Raffle: There has been a change in the raffle item for opening day but it is a good one nonetheless. It is an outfit for saltwater fishing (easily modified for fresh water) that included a Temple Fork Mangrove 7-8 wt., 4-piece, 9-foot rod, a Reddington Reef Reel, an 8-wt. Striper Line and 2 Striper leaders! You could be ready to hit the salt as soon as the stripers arrive! Tickets are \$25 each, 3 for \$50 and 7 for \$100. **The value of this outfit is \$660 retail.**

Casting Clinic: Mike Jones will be visiting us again on May 3rd for a casting clinic at the pond. The program will start at 8:30 with coffee/donuts/muffins. Mike will begin his presentation at 9 **sharp**. Mike will not be able to go back on his program so please be prompt. All who have attended in the past have received excellent information regarding set-up, leaders, knots as well as casting. Once his presentation is complete, Mike will walk the pond answering any questions anglers have as well as critiquing **everyone's** casting. There is much to be learned from Mike and he will stay as long as people stay which can be all day. Pizza will be served at lunch! **NOTE: RAIN OR SHINE – Members – please bring your own equipment and, again, don't be late. Mike cannot go back once he starts.**

Please note the Church is expanding their building and there is construction ongoing. Currently, it consists of ground work prior to the building itself. There is port-a-potty on the left for the construction crew and we are requested not to use it. The NFC unit will be in normal place in the back. If, for any reason, the back parking lot is not accessible during this period, feel free to use the regular parking spaces on the left as you come in

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 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, Cocheco, 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: Ray Menard

Winner of the flies raffle: Kare Karlsen

Fly Tying: There is a change in flytying. It has been moved to the first and third **Thursday** of the month and will be held at the **church facilities at the pond.**

The regular experienced tyer class is the first **Thursday** of the month. The novice class is being held on the third **Thursday** 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 the novice tyers will be March 20 and experienced tyers will be April 3 at 6 PM.

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.

Seating is **no longer limited** but please let Jack know if you plan on attending 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!

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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