

Meeting Minutes



Thursday, January 8, 2026, Courtyard by Marriott

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 12, 2026, 6 PM

At the Courtyard by Marriott

Members and guests in attendance: Brian Coneeny, Anne Karlsen, Kare Karlsen, Robert Landry, Greg Loosigan, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Ted Pelletier, Mark Prolman, George Rollend, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, Randy Oulette – Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker: Randy Oulette of Points North Outfitters

Randy's presentation covered many areas. He talked about the fly shop located on Day Road in Pittsburg. He reviewed how the seasons are covered and the stretches of the upper river and the river below Pittsburg where some very productive float trips are offered. There are also pike available on floats below Columbia. He also discussed floats on the Androscoggin and then those areas off the beaten path, both brooks and ponds. There is some exceptional fishing in some of these though some require a good bit of hiking. Randy can be reached through Points North Outfitters, 603-538-6688, flyshop@pointsnorthnh.com

In the absence of Club President Jack Ogden and Vice President, Ray Philippon, Tim Stoodley, Club Secretary, led off the proceedings at approximately 6:15 PM with the playing of the National Anthem.

Treasurer's report, presented by Club Treasurer Ted Pelletier

Cash Balance	\$3927.92
Income	
Dues	\$800.00
Flies	\$80.00
Dinner	<u>\$360.00</u>
Total Income	\$1240.00

Expenses	
Courtyard Marriot	\$880.60
Total Expenses	\$880.60

Membership

Active Singles: 52, Lifetime: 2, Families: 3

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was Second and Carried (M/S/C)

Mention was made once again for someone to step forward and take over the scheduling of the Programs (Guest Speakers). In the absence of any volunteers, we are still looking for suggestions for upcoming meetings. Please email Jack directly with any suggestions.

February guest speaker will be Ryan LeClerc. Ryan is licensed and registered to guide on any inland open bodies of water in New England and Alaska.

The December Meeting Minutes were approved by all in attendance.

A reminder that yearly dues will be required in January. Dues will remain at \$150.

Upcoming Events:

Planning ahead for our Spring Opening Day raffle

What would you like to see as the raffle item for the opening day. Keep in mind we still have a 35% off gift certificate for a Thomas and Thomas Rod. We also have a TFO Mangrove, 4 pc., 9'-0", 8wt Rod with a Redington Ace 7-8 wt reel, Rio WF8I Striper line and 2 Rio saltwater leaders. The general consensus from the group was that all items should be offered and the winner select the item of choice.

At last month's meeting, Jack Asked if there any issues or concerns that anyone would like to bring forward? Someone mentioned possibility of creating a Student membership. In theory it is a good idea. Jack brought this up to Ray the last time he visited and Ray agreed that it is good idea but our By-laws specifically mention that all members must be at least 18 years old. So, for the time being we will need to target college aged folks. Or we will have to have a meeting and a vote to change that by-law. This was reviewed again and all in attendance were in agreement that the by-laws should be change with special attention to those under 18 with respect to permissions and guidelines.

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 Tim Stoodley takes 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 Tim.

Winner of the dinner raffle: Ted Pellitier

Winner of the fly raffle: Tim Stoodley

Fly Tying: Fly tying is slated to resume in January with Experienced tyers meeting on 1/15/26 and Novice tyers on 1/22/26. As of this writing Jack is just waiting for confirmation from Dale that these dates work for the church. Then in February we will resume Experienced tyers on the First Thursday of the month and Novice tyers on the third Thursday of the month.

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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