

Meeting Minutes



Thursday, February 12, 2026 – Courtyard by Marriott

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

At the Courtyard by Marriott

Members and guests in attendance: Diane Fossness, Thor Fossness, Anne Karlsen, Kare Karlsen, Dana Landry, Robert Landry, Greg Loosigian, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Troy Nickerson, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Fred Roedel, Tim Stoodley, Capt. Ryan Leclerc – Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker: Captain Ryan Leclerc

Ray is a registered Senior Captain for all inland waters in New England and Alaska. New England's Guide Service provides both float and wade trips, night fishing trips, fishing trips with casting instructions and fly-tying courses. His presentation centered on his time as a guide in Alaska where he worked for Wildman Lake Lodge, well out on the Aleutian Peninsula and Deneki Outdoors, which has several lodges further east. Ryan specialized on the more remote trips that these outfitters offered. He had spectacular slides of the areas he's fished and the fish that were caught. Included were shots of the wildlife, especially bear. Although he doesn't guide in Alaska any more, he can highly recommend any of the Deneki lodges.

Club President Jack Ogden led off the proceedings at approximately 6:20 PM with the playing of the National Anthem.

Treasurer's report, presented by Club Treasurer Ted Pelletier

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| Cash Balance | \$5,948.32 |
| Income | |
| Dues | \$825.00 |
| Flies | \$80.00 |
| Dinner Raffle | \$36.00 |
| Dinner | \$480.00 |
| Total Income | \$1421.00 |

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| Expenses | |
| Courtyard Marriot | \$510.00 |
| Burke Advertising | \$63.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$573.00 |

Membership

Active Singles: 49, Lifetime: 2, Families: 3

The treasurer's report was accepted by all in attendance.

The January Meeting Minutes were accepted by all in attendance.

Jack gave a quick update on Ray saying that he was continuing to improve but the process was very slow. We are hoping to see him in March. Please feel free to contact him.

The speaker for March will be Mike Jones. We all know him as our casting instructor but he also has a guide service which will be his topic.

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.

Also, Jack asked for suggestions for topics to cover at meetings.

Fly-tying has resumed its regular cadence – first Thursday for intermediate tyers and third Thursday for beginner tyers, 6:00 PM at the church. See below.

A reminder that yearly dues were required in January for any that haven't renewed. 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. We are hoping Opening Day will not be too late. There is a solid ice cover on the pond now.

The board will be reviewing the by-laws in the next month or so to possibly update membership requirements to admit younger members.

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 and Dale Seiberg 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 Tim or Dale. Due to the cold winter, not much is happening right now.

Winner of the dinner raffle: Ted Pellitier

Winner of the fly raffle: Greg Loosigian

Fly Tying: Fly-tying resumed in January. 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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