

Meeting Minutes



Thursday, March 12, 2026 – Courtyard by Marriott

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6 PM

At the Courtyard by Marriott

Members and guests in attendance: Anne Karlsen, Kare Karlsen, Richard Koenitzer, Dana Landry, Robert Landry, Greg Loosigian, Ray Menard, Molly Mink, Troy Nickerson, Jack Ogden, Ted Pelletier, Alan Plumb, Mark Prolman, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, George Rollend, Dale Seiberg, Tim Stoodley, Mark Thornton, Mike Jones – Guest Speaker, Josh Detweiler (guest) and Stan Swefchesky (guest).

Guest Speakers: Mike Jones – See below

Club President Jack Ogden led off the proceedings at approximately 6:25 PM with the playing of the National Anthem.

Treasurer's report, presented by Club Treasurer Ted Pelletier

Cash Balance	\$6570.32
Income	
Dues	\$825.00
Flies	\$100.00
Dinner Raffle	\$55.00
Dinner	\$420.00
Member Donation	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Income	\$675.00

Expenses	
Courtyard Marriot	\$480.00
Ryan LeClerc (Speaker)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$680.00

Membership

Active Singles: 26, Lifetime: 2, Families: 3

The Treasurer's report was accepted by all in attendance

The drop in the Singles Membership was noted as 33 individuals who have not paid dues for 2025 or 2026. Jack will send them email with a final date (approximately one week) to either pay dues or they will be dropped from the membership list as well as lose all pond privileges.

The February Meeting Minutes were accepted by all in attendance

The highlight of the night was being able to welcome Ray and Brenda back to the meetings. So great to have these two stalwarts in attendance again.

The speaker for March will be Quinn Lumsden. Quinn, who works with Jonathan Bunker of Squaretails, will be giving a presentation on fishing the Merrimack. Quinn is local to our area and knows the river well.

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 PM at the church. See below.

We respectfully ask that members respond to the meeting notice ASAP. Jack needs to get the headcount to the Mariott a week in advance to avoid any shortages. We were a bit short this week.

Dale will check with the Church on availability of the pond for Opening Day (a Saturday in April) and Mike Jones casting clinic (a Saturday in May).

Dale will also check with BassPro regarding getting some trade in value on our older spinning rods (for the kids) so they can be upgraded.

Pond stocking will be approximately one week before opening day. As usual, the pond will be closed form stocking day until Opening day. These dates are to be determined. There is still a good amount of ice on the pond. The plan is to stock 100 rainbows and 25 browns, 12"-14" and a few kicker rainbows.

This led to a discussion on holdover fish. Sonar checks have shown a good number of fish in the pond but there is no way to tell if they are bass or trout. Several suggestions were made regarding ways to determine the population and makeup. More on this to come soon. Goerge Rollend is going to arrange to get the pond tested for water quality to see if there is anything that can be or needs to be done to improve the water for the fish.

Jack announced that the May meeting will feature the club auction of used equipment. Enthusiasm for this was not great and there were some additional suggestions on how best to help some of us get rid of old or unused equipment and help the club at the same time. There was an excellent suggestion to put some of the items up on Facebook for sale. There will be more on this at April's meeting

Upcoming Events:

Planning ahead for our Spring Opening Day raffle

What would you like to see as the raffle item for the opening day. The 35% off gift certificate for a Thomas and Thomas Rod will be offered.

Mike Jones casting clinic to be scheduled in May

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: Mark Prolman

Winner of the fly raffle: Tim Stoodley

Guest Speaker: Mike Jones, a second-generation Master Maine Guide, gave an excellent presentation on his guiding business (driftboating.com). He concentrates his efforts in the spring and fall on the Kennebec and Androscoggin (in Maine). In the summer, it's the Kennebec for exceptional smallmouth fishing. He had quite a few pictures of smallies in the 2–4-pound class, all taken on flies and many on poppers on the top. He fishes a middle stretch of the Kennebec for the bass. The upper section from the NH line (Gorham) to Rumford for trout. He will also fish the rapid and East Outlet as well. For those who have not met Mike or been at one of his clinics, he is a class act.

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

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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