

Meeting Minutes 1-13-16

Meeting Start: 7:54 pm

Meeting End: 8:53 pm

Treasury: The latest update from our treasurer reported the club's account balance is in strong shape. Guest Speakers, club dinner, and other administrative expenses lie in the future.

Dues: Annual Membership dues are due. They will cost members each \$50.00 for the year. The cost has gone down from \$75.00/year. NO Somerset Fly Fishing show tickets will be included with dues payment this year. At the Somerset Fly Fishing Show, A Special Membership opportunity for NEW members will cost only \$30.00 and will include a club tshirt. Due payments are being accepted by Jon Pulaski our treasurer.

Library: A great library of DVD's and fly fishing literature is available at \$1/ item. A list of available items is on our website. <http://bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com/about-us/club-library/> or contact Jack McDonald at john.f.mcdonald@verizon.net. Let him know what book or DVD you want about 4 days before a meeting and he will bring it to the meeting for you.

*If you have any material out from the library for an extended period of time, please return it. As discussed before, we would like to do an inventory and reorder the staples of fly fishing literature the club needs on hand for new members. Let us know what you got or what you lost... Also, keep your eyes peeled, as the club library is always looking for new fly fishing literature; how-to guides and new DVD's. This will allow us to maintain a diverse collection of offerings to members.

Social Media: Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders is on Facebook. Log on to Facebook and click "Like it", you will be linked to the club's reports and member discussion pages. The more we use it the better and more fun it will become. Share photos, reports, funny stories, etc. Enjoy! Thanks to Kenny Ecklund for technical guidance and support for keeping the facebook page updated. Thanks to the members who keep it fresh and interesting...

The bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com website is up and running. We need to keep adding to the picture archive to keep things current. Send some photo of your recent catches to Tom Dwyer @ tdwyer61@optonline.net He will get them on the website. Make sure pictures have captions attached so they can be opened.

Raffle: 9 wt Temple Fork Fly fishing rod & Lamson Velocity reel raffle tickets are still on sale. \$10/ ticket. 100 tickets will be sold before drawing. Best of luck to those who are in to win! The sales for this raffle have been slow. This raffle will be extended to visitors at the Somerset Fly Show in January to advance the drawing.

Fly Fishing Show: Table 5 in the lobby/ admission area is booked for the Fly Fishing show in Somerset January 29th, 30th, 31st 2016. Keep tying flies for the raffle for the show. Freshwater & Saltwater flies will all be raffled off. The club is well stocked with freshwater flies so focus on tying up some flashy, super colorful saltwater flies. For every 6 flies a member donates to the raffle, they will receive a ticket for a drawing where the prize will be free membership to Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders club for 1 year.

The club also hopes to raffle off a high end SIMMS wading jacket, waders, member guided trip, or some other item to perhaps elicit the interest of diverse show visitors.

Thanks again to Jack McDonald for his assistance with getting the fly boards together. Thanks again to craftsman Bob Gargano for constructing the club's new, light weight display boards to showcase member's catches.

Speakers/ Upcoming meetings: For our February 2016 meeting, the club will welcome Monmouth University biologist and professor John Tiedemann for a presentation on Striped Bass science, life history, catch & release mortality.

For March the club will hold a "Fish Porn and Popcorn" night along with a club flea market. Bring down whatever you got to hawk...

Annual Club Dinner: The club dinner will be held at Bahr's Landing 2 Bay Avenue in Highlands, NJ this year. It will cost members only \$30 a head. The cost includes food, beer, soda, and wine. A cash bar will be accessible as well. We hope to make this a great event and encourage all members to come on out for this one. The event will be casual. Good company, raffle prizes, and member provided music will add to the enjoyment. This venue along the Shrewsbury River hosts great waterfront views and will offer the ambience for a delightful fly fishing club dinner. Gifts and donations are needed for prizes. A donation letter is on the club's website. It will be held on a Sunday in April 2016. The exact day has not been selected yet, but as soon as it is the members will be informed.

Trips: Thanks to Steve Fauer for offering the club luxurious accommodations at his home (Riversbend) on the Beaverkill River in New York for members in the spring. A list of guests for this trip was filling fast. Dates have not yet been announced, but it will likely be in May 2016.

Kayak Dunk & Recovery Practice: This lesson will be held in the spring if participation is there. It is critical that any kayaker learn and be proficient in recovery after a rollover or dunk. Experienced kayakers/ fly club members will share their techniques and teach these life saving lessons. See Tom Dywer, he is putting together a list of those who want to participate in this lesson. It is usually held at Sandy Hook National Park in Horseshoe Cove in May. Fishing after the lesson is usually the order of the day.

Committees: The club would REALLY like to have some members designated to specific committees. The fly show table, trips, tying nights, meeting presentation, photo management, and membership are all areas where the club needs member support to

make the task of planning and carrying out club activities efficient and easy. If you have an interest in any of the mentioned committees please let the board know.

Saltwater Registry: Sign up for New Jersey Saltwater Registry Program online. NJ & NY are both free. Keep in mind for those traveling to Cape Cod, you have to register up there independently of NJ or NY with a cost of \$1.25 per angler for senior citizens.

Merchandise: NEW BUTTON DOWN FISHING SHIRTS ARE ALMOST GONE! \$50.00 per fishing shirt with an embroidered club logo. In addition, club hats, t-shirts, and stickers are all available for purchase. Since a stash of t-shirts and hats were found in the club shed, and many sizes are available, the club has decided to offer a special on a combo purchase; for \$25.00 you will get a hat and shirt, or \$15.00 if purchased individually. Samples of all club merchandise will be on hand at our meetings. Let me know in advance what you want and I will bring it in. The club hopes to get the merchandise up on the website soon for ordering in the future. Also, club crew neck type, zip up & hooded type sweatshirts will be ordered soon see Joe Hagan for details. Several colors are available.

BUZFLY: Thanks to Brad Buzzi for offering his vast knowledge and supply of premium fly tying materials to our club members. He often brings items for tying to the meetings (bucktail, hooks, UV Cure products, etc.) for sale. If there is anything you might want him to get for you let him know and he will get it to you. He can be reached at BUZFLY.com

If anyone who wants to learn a specific fly pattern or technique let Brad know! Crease flies, UV/ epoxy flies, synthetic material use, natural material use, half and halves, clousers, poppers, exotic location flies are all options that can be demonstrated at future club

STORMR GEAR: Jeff Abrams has offered to club members the opportunity to purchase some high performance gear bags/ sling backpacks & Stormr surf fishing garments. He brought along some sample jackets of the Stormr gear to show members its durability and quality. Here is the link to view products made by Stormr <http://stormrusa.com/products/>. Costs for each product if ordered through Jeff is significantly discounted. Check out the website and see what you want. Let Jeff know what you want so he can get a multi member order together. Feel free to call him at (908)917-1373. or email at jeff.abrams@comcast.net. Thanks in advance to Jeff for extending this opportunity to us...

Misc. If you have an address change or a new e-mail address, please let us know so we can update our records.

Club Members were asked to recognize the club does not have a 5013C charitable designation. The board is looking into reestablishing this title. Members will be kept notified as more information about this technical matter comes through.

Tying Nights for January were not announced. The club is hoping to hold a tying night meeting at the VFW every month through the winter. The tying meetings will usually be held on the last Wednesday of the month. Bring your vice down with any tools or

material you have. Extra material is always on hand. Hands on demonstration of fly pattern tying among members is the task at hand for these meeting. Come on out to learn and share. Emails will be sent out as these tying nights days approach.

HIMAR Fishing Flea Market will be held at the VFW on February 13th 2016. The club will have a table selling some teasers and hopefully attracting more new members. Brad Buzzi will also have a table set up selling his wares as well.

In March, John Gilles will be offering members the opportunity to learn some on the water spring fishing techniques & tactics. He is putting together a list of participants that will meet up at a spot along the Raritan Bayshore in the spring as the Striped Bass arrive and begin to feed and become active. See John Gilles for details. Thanks in advance for offering members your wisdom John!

Fishing Reports: Striped Bass are still around; at least to those who have ventured out looking for them. A reminder that river and bay striped bass fishing is closed until March. The ocean beaches are your only shot. The False Hook at Sandy Hook has been reopened as the recent dredging project has been completed. Freshwater territory is an option also. Trout catching reports from fall and winter stockings are positive. Check out this link for more about NJ trout fishing: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/trtinfo_winter.htm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Secretary, Tim Semler