

Meeting Minutes 3-9-16

Meeting Start: 7:53 pm

Meeting End: 9:00 pm

**Treasury:** The latest update from our treasurer reported the club's account balance is in strong shape. The 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. A special membership opportunity for NEW first year members will cost only \$30.00 and will include a club sticker. Payments for dues are accepted by Jon Pulaski our treasurer.

**Membership:** 2 new categories of membership have been established this year. They are designated for family members and ambassador members who have moved out of state. The cost of annual dues for a club member's family member is half price \$25. The cost of annual dues for ambassador membership is \$10. Each membership includes a club decal.

**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/>

Contact Jack McDonald at [john.f.mcdonald@verizon.net](mailto: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. Newly added to the BSF Library is Bob Popovic's new book "Fleye Design."

\*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](http://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](mailto:tdwyer61@optonline.net) He will get them on the website. Make sure pictures have captions attached so they can be opened.

**Raffles:** The 9wt Temple Fork fly rod & Lamson reel raffle was drawn at this meeting and the winner was Steve Fauer who generously offered his prize to new member

Robert Aluck. Congratulations to Robert and special acknowledgment goes out to Steve for paying his prize forward!

The club hopes to continue hosting raffle contests with high end tying vices, waders, and wading jackets being considered for future raffle prizes.

**Shows:** Saltwater Fishing Expo will be held at the Garden State Exposition Center in Somerset, NJ on March 18th. <http://sportshows.com/somerset/>.

**Upcoming meetings:** For our April meeting we will have a show and tell forum along with a member flea market. This will include a basic knowledge demo on outfitting, fly fishing equipment, and rigging by fly fishing aficionado Gerry Fabiano. Bring down your gear and whatever you got to hawk...

**Annual Club Dinner:** The club dinner will be held at Bahr's Landing 2 Bay Avenue in Highlands, NJ on Sunday April 17th 2016 from 1-4pm. 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 ambiance for a delightful fly fishing club dinner. Gifts and donations are needed for prizes. A donation letter is on the club's website.

**Trips:** Cape Cod trip was discussed among members. The last weeks of May into June is when some members are planning on heading up to Chatham, Mass. for some of New England's finest Striped Bass fly fishery. Lodging accommodations at Pilgrim Village/Pine Shores in Chatham, Mass. are affordable and near a few fishing spots. See Stewart Levin or Jack McDonald for details on lodging, fishing, and more...

**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 Vice President 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.

**Kids Camp:** An August date for this event will be selected. Scouts, club family members, and youth groups will all be welcomed to attend. Participants are all taught to fly cast, tie flies, bait fishing with a seine net, and spin fish for snappers. Food, drinks, and prizes are all included.

**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 Capt. Joe Hagan for details. Several colors are available.

Just a reminder to new members to see Jon Pulaski for a club sticker free with your membership.

**Tying Meeting:** The tying meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month during the winter. 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.

As the days get longer and we are immersed into a new season of fishing, tying nights will be substituted for a fishing night where members organize and meet at a local beach to fish one afternoon/ or evening.

**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](http://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

**ASWF:** Brad Buzzi, BSF member & President of Atlantic Saltwater Flyrodders in Seaside Heights, NJ extended the invitation to all Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders club members to their "TIE FOR PIE" events at Klee's Bar & Grill in Seaside Heights held the fourth Tuesday of the month @7pm. The event is casual offering free pizza, fly tying demos with a fisherman friendly forum to interact, offer insights, talk techniques, and share stories.

**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](mailto:jeff.abrams@comcast.net). Thanks in advance to Jeff for extending this opportunity to us...

**Tournament:** The club has decided to start a year long running skillful angler tournament. February 2016 through February 2017. It is a saltwater, shore based contest. Fly caught fish only. Documented with a photo. Species include: striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, fluke. Contest boundaries extend from Cape Cod to Cape May. The biggest fish entries determine the winners for each species category. Good fishing to all and may the best angler win!

**Coastal Flyrodders Tournament:** Third Annual One Fly Tournament. This is lots of fun, tons of prizes, and food. Basically, you tie a fly you have confidence in and submit it until the tournament. The day of the tournament you are given your one fly back to fish with. Its held Saturday May 14, 2016 at Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina. See Tom Dwyer or Coastal Flyrodders website for more details. [Coastalflyrodders.com](http://Coastalflyrodders.com)

**BSF Fly of the Month Contest:** Fly of the month contest among members will begin next meeting. Feel free to submit a fly crafted by yourself that will be displayed to the club members. Entry flies must go to Vice President Bob Gargano. All entries will be showcased; winning entries drawn will be rewarded

**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.

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:** 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/fqw/trtinfo\\_winter.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fqw/trtinfo_winter.htm). Some of our backwaters are seeing some small fish caught on worms and clams. As the water warms the catching should become more consistent. Bunker is in the bay and the rivers.

Secretary, Tim Semler