Meeting Date: August 12, 2015 Meeting Started: 8:18 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 pm

## \*\*Important: We are looking for the club's banner. We need it for the kids camp event. Please let us know if you have it or you know where it is!\*\*

**Treasury:** The latest update from our treasurer reported the club's account is in strong shape. Upcoming expenses like Kids Camp, Veterans trip, BSF club member trip, and purchase of a digital projector with screen for presentations lie in the future.

**Library**: A great library of DVD and literature is available at \$1/ item. A list of available items is on our website. <u>www.bayshoreflyrodders.com</u> or contact Jack McDonald at <u>john.f.mcdonald@verizon.net</u>. 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 dvds. This will allow us to maintain a diverse collection of offerings to members.

**Kids Camp:** This club event is centered around teaching youths about fly fishing. It will be held on August 22nd at 8:30 am at Sandy Hook's American Littoral Society Building (parade field/ Officer's row). Set up for the event will begin at 8 am. When entering the park just tell the rangers you are participating in an event at the "Littoral Society" and admission to Sandy Hook is free. We plan on hosting 20 + kids from local youth organizations, boy scout troops, friends & relatives of the club. The club is always looking for groups and more youths to participate. Activities include, fly tying, fly casting, seine net bait fishing, and snapper fishing. Concessions are included. All members are encouraged to participate. It is a fun and fulfilling event.

**Social Media:** Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders are 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 his technical guidance and support! Thanks to the members who keep it fresh and interesting...

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

**<u>Raffle</u>**: 9 wt Temple Fork Fly fishing rod & Lamson Velocity reel raffle tickets are on sale. \$10/ ticket. 100 tickets will be sold before drawing. Best of luck to those who are in to win!

**Fly Fishing Show:** Table 5 in the lobby/ admission area is booked for the Fly Fishing show in Somerset January 29th, 30th, 31st 2016. Please start tying flies for the raffle for the show. Freshwater & saltwater displays will be raffled off. The club also hopes to raffle off a SIMMS wading jacket, waders, or some other item to perhaps elicit the interest of diverse show visitors. If you have any current trophy pictures of fly caught fish send them over to Jack McDonald to get them on the 2016 Somerset display board.

**Fall Fun Get-Together/ Tournament:** On October 3rd. We hope to host a member friendly fly fishing tournament at Sandy Hook. Similarly structured to that of the club's successful June Mandarin Snapper tournament, the target species for the Fall Tournament are Bass, Blues, maybe albies... After the fishing, we are looking to meet up at a local venue (ie: Off the Hook or On the Deck in Atlantic Highlands harbor) for food, drinks, and tournament award ceremony.

<u>Speakers</u>: For the club's September meeting, we welcome a beach buggy guru from a local beach buggy association to share knowledge on 4 wheeling the NJ shoreline.

The club's October 2015, November 2015 & 2016 meetings' highlight/speaker/presenters are open for suggestion. We would like to welcome a guest for a tying and or guiding presentation. Ideas about Dan Schafer (south jersey stone harbor guide), Frank Cresetelli (NYC & montauk guide & BSF founder), Modest Priced fly tying presenter? Ecology, local conservation-education, or mutual interest groups? Let the board members know what you think would be a good choice.

Holiday Party: For our December meeting, food and refreshments will be hand to celebrate the holidays.

<u>Club Dinner</u>: The annual club dinner was touched on to keep it fresh in members mind. Potential dining locations are being researched, gifts and donations are needed for prizes. The club's dinner committee is expected to be in full fledged research mode...

**Upcoming Events:** WILD NJ hosted by the NJDEP is booked. September 12th & 13th 2015 at Colliers Mill. a tent and chairs will be available to the club. Volunteers are needed. This is a fun event and freshwater fishing opportunities are on hand at the event location.

**<u>Past Events</u>**: Lyons, NJ Veterans Hospital (VA) "Hero's on the Water" held a party boat trip on the MIJO. The club donated some money for the mates tip on this trip. The trip was enjoyed by the veterans and the club is happy to support these events.

**Committees:** The club would like to have some members designated to specific committees. The fly show, trips, speakers, tying nights, photo management, and membership are all areas where the club needs member support to make the task of planning and carry out club activities efficient and easy. If you have an interest in any of the mentioned committees please let the board know.

<u>Saltwater Registry:</u> 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.

<u>Merchandise</u>: Club hats, shirts, and stickers are available upon request. Recently, a number of graphic t-shirts and hats were found in the club shed. Many sizes are available. Samples of all club merchandise

are on hand at our meetings. let me know 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. The club is Finally ordering up some SPF long sleeve shirts with the club logo on them. Pricing is presently unknown. The ever popular yellow ballcaps with the club's logo are in. Just a courteous reminder that there is an order being taken for buttondown lightweight club logoed fishing shirts. See myself, Tim Semler, for more.

**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 <u>BUZFLY.com</u>

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 halfs, clousers, poppers, exotic location flies are all options that can be demonstrated at future club

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

SEE YOU SOON MATT REISZ. Matt has been a notable member and fishing champion of our club for years. He is leaving New Jersey for residence in Florida permanently. We wish him the very best and are grateful for his active role in the Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodder family.

**Fishing Reports**: Fluke are almost everywhere and keepers are nowhere. Oceanside beaches have been producing so has Raritan Bay structure. Small bait in the bay (spearing & anchovies), mole crabs on the ocean side beaches are abundant. Bunker & Hickory shad are around too. As the days hopefully get more autumn like, bass and blues are likely to be found with consistency. Moving tides around dawn and dusk are best. Fish can get picky with so much natural bait available, but flies can offer an uncanny similarity and get a fish's attention.

The club is looking for ideas.. Perhaps a fly fishing guide from somewhere or some kind of destination presentation . It doesn't have to be formal or limited to fly fishing. All members are encouraged to ponder, seek, and contribute. The hope is to keep the club vibrant, the meetings well attended, and members always interested...

Secretary, Tim Semler