

Meeting Minutes 9-9-15

Meeting Start: 7:51 pm

Meeting End: 9:10 pm

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. A budget meeting is planned by the officers to outline the club's annual budget and access membership dues for 2016.

Library: A great library of DVD and literature is available at \$1/ item. A list of available items is on our website. www.bayshoreflyrodders.com 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.

Kids Camp: This club event was successful. The individuals of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development all had a good time. This event is held annually at Sandy Hook by the club. Fly tying, learning to cast a fly rod, seine netting, and bayside fishing with their new rod and reel outfits were the order of the day. They expressed their enjoyment with a thank you letter. Thanks to them, the Boy Scout, youths, and members who all participated to make this event a success. Thanks to the Littoral Society for accommodating our group once again. Thanks to Jersey Mikes Sub's in Middletown, NJ for the delicious sandwiches...

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 his technical guidance and support! Thanks to the members who keep it fresh and interesting...

The bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com 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 @ 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 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.

Speakers: 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 a guiding presentation. Maybe a modestly priced fly tying presenter? Ecological organizations, local conservation-education, or mutual interest groups perhaps? 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.

Club Dinner: The annual club dinner was touched on to keep it fresh in members mind. We hope to get a preliminary report from the dinner committee for considerations of potential dining locations. Gifts and donations are needed for prizes. A donation letter is on the club's website.

Upcoming Events: We will be taking the Vets from Lyons hospital fishing on the Mi-Jo on Wednesday September 23, at 3PM. We leave from the Atlantic Highlands Marina. The cost to members is \$40, which will cover any tips for the mates. Participation is important.

Please contact Robby at captfysh@aol.com. Thanks for supporting our veterans.

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 WERE FINALLY ORDERED; \$50.00 per fishing shirt with an embroidered club logo. We hope to have them at the next meeting. A few members have already confirmed sizes and colors. Some extra fishing shirts

were ordered as well. 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.

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

Past Presentation: Thanks to Tim Byrd & Tom Cochrane from the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association for coming in and hosting a presentation about their club and beach driving information, essentials, and safety. This club is a great supporter of beach access for fisherman up and down the Atlantic coast. More specifically, they fight for beach access causes in several of the local towns in New Jersey. Their membership is nominal @\$35/ 1st year & \$25.00/each year after. Their website link is <http://www.njbba.org>. It's a good group to consider joining and supporting.

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

Fishing Reports: Short Fluke are almost everywhere and keepers are hard to find. Oceanside beaches have been producing so has Raritan Bay/ Shrewsbury River structure behind Sandy Hook. Bait is all over the place. Ocean side, rivers, and the bays (spearing, peanut bunker, mullet & anchovies), mole crabs ocean side are also still abundant. Hopefully, as the weather and water get cooler, bass and bluefish are likely to be found with consistency. Moving tides around dawn and dusk are best. Bluefish are in Raritan Bay and Twin Rivers (snappers, cocktails up to 2-3 lbs.), False Albacore have been spotted in several locations along Monmouth County ocean side beaches and a few have been caught also. All fish can get picky with so much natural bait available, but flies can offer an uncanny similarity and get a fish's attention. Time spent fishing this time of year can be well served. Tight Lines to all...

The club is always 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

