

Meeting Minutes 8-10-16

Meeting Start: 8:03 pm

Meeting End: 8:43 pm

Treasury: Our treasurer, Jon Pulaski, reported at this month's meeting that the club's account balance is in strong shape. Club insurance, a veterans boat trip, Knights of Columbus Autism event, Kids Camp, and some administrative expenses lie in the future.

Coat Drive: Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) is holding their annual winter coat drive. Jon Pulaski & Steve Fauer will be collecting any lightly used or unused winter coats for those less fortunate. Please have the coats dry cleaned and bring them down to our meetings. If you can't get the coats dry cleaned, bring them in anyway and the club will take care of it. We look forward donating as many coats as we can to support and exceed PRAHD's charitable goals.

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. 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.

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 photos of your recent catches to Tom Dwyer @ tdwyer61@optonline.net He will get them on the website. Make sure the pictures you send have captions attached so they can be opened. Thanks to Joe Pacilulli for keeping the website updated.

Upcoming meetings: For our next monthly meeting on September 14th we will have member John Gillis enlighten us with a presentation of his autumn fish catching tactics in Raritan Bay and local area waters. Perfect timing as anglers are looking forward to fall!

Club Member Booklet: The club is organizing a member book. New member, Maureen Meekins, has graciously offered her tech savvy skills to organize this booklet for us. Send her mmeekins429@gmail.com your biographics (ie: Name, Nickname, Address, Phone#, Email, Marital Status, Spouse name, Children, Profession, positive personal information, fishing quotes, fishing photos). This member booklet we hope will enhance the familiarity among members. Thanks to Maureen for helping out!

Kids Camp: On Saturday August 20th CLUB VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help out for this event. It will be held at Sandy Hook Litoral Society which is located at the south end of the parade field at Officer's Row. Boy Scouts, club family members, and the youth group PRAHD have all been welcomed to attend this successful club event. Participants are all taught to fly cast, tie flies, bait fish with a seine net, and spin fish for snappers. It is a wholehearted way to donate some time to educate a younger generation about saltwater fishing and ultimately culturing an appreciation and connection to the outdoors. Food, drinks, and prizes are in order for the day as well.

WILD OUTDOOR EXPO: The club was asked to participate in this event and hopes to have a few members help out. It's held at Colliers Mill Wildlife Management Area in Jackson, NJ. Typically, some basic fly tying and fly casting will be demonstrated to showcase our club. The event, in general, promotes conservation and appreciation for the environment and offers attendees exposure to a host of outdoor recreation activities. There is also some freshwater fishing opportunities for those interested at this state WMA. Check out the link: http://www.nj.gov/dep/newsrel/2014/14_0088.htm.

Member Boat Trip: Late September or October we hope to run a party boat fishing trip for members. Spots will be limited & Deposits will be required. The board will keep members posted on the date for this trip also.

Private Waters Trip: A date is being ironed out for 10 members to access and fly fish private club waters in the South Branch of the Raritan River upstream from the Ken Lockwood Gorge. It will cost each member \$50 for a spot to fish for the day. A weekday in October will be chosen and slots will fill fast. This opportunity is being extended to us by Shannon's Fly Shop in Califon, NJ. Stay in touch with Tom Melville he has his hand on the pulse for this one...

Fly Show: The club has reserved its spot/booth for the Somerset Fly Fishing Show for 1/27/17-1/29/17.

Autism Event: Discussions about our club participating with the Middletown Knights of Columbus in their Autism Awareness Fishing Event at the newly constructed Bayshore Waterfront Park Fishing Pier developed. The club hopes to commit some money and of course our members' time helping out with the fishing activities. Plans for this event are for it to run some time in September.

Fishing Access: Below is a link to an interactive map with photos for NJ Public Access and best of all Fishing Locations. It is a great tool for anglers, and the like, to find opportunities to fish in areas often dismissed as inaccessible. Enjoy!

<http://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6e3d01d01c3e40ac8a925a85b86de923>.

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: Club hats, t-shirts, and stickers are all available for purchase. For \$25.00 you can get a club logo hat and custom print t-shirt. \$15.00 if either a hat or t-shirt is purchased individually. Club merchandise is on hand at our monthly meetings. The club hopes to get some new merchandise like club logo windbreakers in the future. Also, club crew neck type, zip up & hooded type sweatshirts are available for order. See myself or Capt. Joe Hagan for details. Several sweatshirt colors are available.

Just a reminder to new members to see Jon Pulaski for a club sticker free with your membership. Stickers for purchase cost for 1 is \$2 and cost for 3 is \$5.

Activity Meeting: The tying meetings are usually held last Wednesday of the month during the winter. Since we are immersed into a new season of fishing, tying nights will be substituted for a fishing/activity night where members organize and meet at a local beach to fish one afternoon or evening. Come on out to learn, share, and mingle! Emails will be sent out as these activity meetings approach.

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...

Year Long Skillful Angler Tournament: The club is interested in the current standings for our year long running skillful angler tournament. February 2016 through February 2017. It is a saltwater, shore based contest. Fly caught fish only. Catches must be 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! Let the board know what you caught so far!

Grab bag/ "Screw thy Neighbor" Fly Tournament will be held on October 8th at Sandy Hook. The twist to this one is unique; you tie a fly and submit it, before the tournament begins you blindly chose from a grab bag of flies other entrants have tied. You then must fish the entire tournament 8am-12pm with only the fly you chose. Biggest fish on the fly you chose from the grab bag wins. Tye em' nice or tye em' ugly, the flies submitted just need to be saltwater species suitable. Luncheon afterwards.

BSF Fly of the Month Contest: Fly of the month contest among members has begun. Feel free to submit a fly crafted by yourself that will be displayed and be in the running against other club members' flies.. Entry flies will go to Vice President Bob Gargano. All entries will be showcased. The winning fly tyer will be prized with all the monthly fly contest entries.

Fly Vines: is a Montana based company that uses old fly line and recycles it into crafty lanyards, bracelets, sunglasses retainers, key chains, etc. www.flyvines.com. The club would like to take up a bulk donation of old unused fly line from members and send it to this company. We hope in return to receive some products from them that we can raffle off and giveaway as prizes at our meeting or events. FEEL FREE TO BRING IN YOUR OLD FLY LINE NEXT MEETING> or get in on the company's recycling program for yourself.. Cool products for sure!

MISC: Thanks to Leon Schritzpahn for donating more tackle and lures. The club wishes you the best in Colorado.

Welcome new members Vic from Wayne, Rich from Belford & Scott from Long Branch.

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.

Fishing Reports: Slowing reports coming from area waters, but keep the faith as Raritan Bay, and the Twin River anglers are filled with bait. Anglers are still catching fluke, sea robins, and bluefish. Bait works, lures work, & so do flies. Offshore fishing opportunities are available as Yellowfin, Bluefin, Mahi-Mahi, & Sharks are all in our bluewater neighborhood.

Tight Lines.
Secretary, Tim Semler