



## **Nashua Fly Casters**

### **January 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Members and guests started arriving at the Nashua Country Club around 6 PM and enjoyed discussions with one another during the no-host bar social hour. The following members were in attendance: Steve Descoteaux, Burr Tupper, Graham Loff, Dick Farr, Russell Bartlett, Tom Ryan, David Mitchell, David Braica, Robert Broadhurst, Bob Ward, Ralph Orlando, Seth Harris, Bob Cox, Mead Jordan, Mark Thornton, Kelly Merryfield, Kare Karlsen, and Harry Mink. Our guest speaker for the evening was David Van Wie from New Gloucester, ME.

Prior to the official start of the meeting, Loretta Jackson, a reporter from the Nashua Telegraph, poked her head into our room, introduced herself, asked what was going on, took some pictures talked to some folks, and promised to write an article for her publication about the club and our speaker

**NEXT MEETING**

**FEBUARY 8, 2018**

**Nashua Country Club**

**Program: To Be Determined**

## MEETING at 6:00 PM with Dinner & Program to Follow

There is no speaker yet nailed down for February, but Bob Broadhurst is working hard on securing another good program for the club.

Kare Karlsen, our Treasurer lead the business portion of the meeting since neither our President nor the Vice President could attend this evening. Kare welcomed all of the assembled members and introduced our speaker for the evening, David Van Wie. Kare then shared the news that Ray wasn't able to make tonight's meeting because he was home recuperating from back surgery and was being attended by Nurse Brenda, both of whom really had wanted to catch tonight's speaker. A get well card was then passed around for everyone to sign and to be sent to Ray.

Kare gave the Treasurers Report saying that the club had a cash balance of \$607.35 as of 1-1-2018. He mentioned that December expenses included the Yankee Swap dinner, reimbursements for lockboxes, lug nuts, etc., and an insurance policy totaling \$1,105.55. December income came from: dinner collections, turkey, dinner, and an Evening Sun Fly Shop raffles and some dues that were paid for a total of \$1,022.00. Kare ended his report by saying that we had 59 members. The Treasurers Report was voted on and approved.

The December Meeting Minutes were approved.

Old Business: The Yankee Swap was a great success according to most attendees with good company, food, and of course some real surprises in the gifts that were unwrapped. There wasn't much trading so a well done+to all who participated.

New Business: Burr Tupper will lead the next Tube Tying session at the Crossway Church at 6 PM on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone willing to attend this session should let Ray know by January 13<sup>th</sup> so that there will be enough materials prepared for this event.

Kelly Merryfield will proceed with setting up a club Facebook site where members can easily post pictures of their proud catches and any other fly fishing news that they think members would be interested in. Harry Mink reported talking to Chris Cooper of Burke Advertising and who manages our website about our plans to link Facebook to our website and also to obtain some analytics regarding number of hits we are getting, etc.

Kare relayed the message Ray gave us that Don Boulia, a longtime member, has donated a check for \$425, the balance of which is to be used for a good cause such as buying fly fishing gear for a youth after his 2018 dues have been paid. Ray said that Don was in the hospital in Laconia with pneumonia, but is home now and will try to get to a club meeting in the spring.

Kare asked if there was interest in a fall trip and some was expressed. He then said that we will discuss details such as date, time and location in an upcoming meeting. He also quickly mentioned that we would have a pond opening this spring along with a club raffle to be discussed in a future meeting. It was relayed that that Charlie Shadan, from the Evening Sun Fly Shop was planning to donate a good rod for this raffle.

David Bracia volunteered to bring desert to the February Meeting.

The speaker for the evening, David Van Wie from ME gave a well received talk on %the Storied Waters Tour . May/June 2017.+ David started at his home in Maine and then

drove across New England to New York and Pennsylvania, over to Wisconsin, up to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, down and through central Michigan, back to the Adirondacks, through Vermont and New Hampshire and back to Maine. At the end of the evening, David sold and autographed his book *The Confluence, Fly-fishing & Friendship in the Dartmouth College Grant.*

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Mink, Secretary

P.S. . I want to again thank both Brenda and Ray Philippon for covering me for me and my Secretarial duties during my absence over the past year for business, personal and medical reasons.

**"Calling fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job."**

**Paul Schullery**