



Nashua Fly Casters

November 8, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

The following members were in attendance: Ray Barlow, Russ Bartlett, David Bracia, Robert Broadhurst, Keith Clements, Bob Cox, Steve Descoteaux, Andy Dressel, Dick Farr, Thor Fossnes, Seth Harris, Steve Johnson, Graham Loff, Kare Karlsen, Kelly Merryfield, Leif Merryfield, Harry Mink, Molly Mink, Jack Ogden, Brenda Philippon, Ray Philippon, Mark Prolman, Tom Ryan, Bob Ward and our Speaker, Ken Hastings of Osprey Fishing Adventures.

NEXT MEETING

December 13, 2018

Nashua Country Club

Program: Holiday Evening: hors d' oeuvres, Dinner & Yankee Swap

President: Ray Philippon

MEETING at 6:00 PM with dinner & program to follow

Ray Philippon called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM. He welcomed the attending members and the speaker for the evening, Ken Hastings of Osprey Fishing Adventures.

The Dinner Raffle generated \$46 and was won by Kare Karlsen. Kare is definitely on a winning streak, as he also won other raffle for the flies beautifully hand-crafted and then generously donated by Tom Ryan for the club's coffers.

Kare Karlsen Treasurer's Report:

Cash Balance as of 11-1-2018:	\$728.47
Expenses for the month: Speakers fee, Kid's Derby Worms, Fall Pond Socking and NCC dinner	\$1,519.64
Income: Dinner and raffle collections and New Member	\$556.00

Comments:

1. Membership has increased to 63
2. We donated \$100 to New Hampshire Fish & Game for the Game Thief program
3. Need to reimburse two members for stolen cameras
4. Need to buy a new camera monitor poachers
5. We are in good financial shape with 2019 dues soon coming in
6. We should consider putting term limits on Club Officers to bring in new leaders with fresh ideas on building the club

Membership: Total: 63

The Treasurer's Report was then voted approved.

Old Business:

Keith and Ray will be reimbursed for the theft of their cameras loaned to the club for protection from poaching and a replacement camera will be purchased from the club coffers.

New Business:

Ray said that the fall stocking was successful and that club fishing started later the same week. When asked, Steve Descoteaux was identified as the first member to catch a tagged fish although Bob Broadhurst caught a large trout that wasn't tagged.

Ray announced that he and most of the other club officers had agreed to serve another year if so voted in the December meeting.

Also, in the December meeting, Ray said that the club will be looking for a candidate for the Vice President in order to spend 2019 learning the President's job so that there can be a smooth transition at this time next year.

Ray reviewed the rules for the Yankee Swap:

- Bring a wrapped gift in the \$25+ value range
- Select a fly fishing gift that you might like to receive
- Would prefer no gift certificates and encouraged buying a gift
- No booze, but exceptions can be made if wrapped and value >\$60/bottle
- Bring one wrapped gift for every person who wants to participate in the swap
- Numbers will be drawn to start and then the lucky person who gets the #1 will have both the 1st pick and then the very last pick. . . and along the way the next person can first open, and then swap for any prior gift that had been opened

The Holiday Dinner this year will be \$25/person.

The 2019 Opening Day Raffle grand prize will feature a full day fishing guide with Ken Hastings of Osprey Fishing Adventures and raffle tickets will be sold at \$25 each starting in the upcoming December meeting. Please note that Ken donated ½ of the full day to the club so the winner should be sure to tip him generously.

Fly tying will start up and is scheduled to start at 6 PM at Crossway Church on Monday, November 26, 2018.

The meeting ended at 7:08 PM and was immediately followed by a slide presentation by Ken Hastings on float trip fishing the unspoiled headwaters of the Connecticut River.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Mink, Secretary

“There are always new places to go fishing. For any fisherman, there's always a new place, always a new horizon” – Jack Nicklaus