



Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—February 21, 2024

<https://capefearff.com>

President Rick Hettenbach called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the St James Community Center. The meeting was preceded at 5:00 PM by another helpful casting clinic led by Rev. Jim White. A sale/exchange of fishing gear was available starting at 5:30. Approximately 30 Members attended the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

The following gentlemen joined the meeting:

Kyle Cunningham (joined the club)

Jarred Gillie (joined the club)

Kevin Jones (potential member)

Richard Campbell (potential member)

FISHING REPORTS

Rick reported unsuccessful outing and Al Roy mentioned his trip to Mars Bay.

FLY Raffle:

Harry Oakley won the Fly Raffle

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Doug Donaldson reported that the club' cash balance after anticipated expenses is approximately \$ 3,500 . We have nine new members. Please see attached details.

UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3/16 Casting Clinic
- 3/20 Membership Meeting- Conner Bryant
- 3/30 Kayak Outing
- 4/21-24 Spring Mounting Trip-need to reserve lodgings/guides
- 5/1-5/2 Weldon Trip -need to reserve lodgings/guides
- 6/18 Nolichucky River TN, Smallmouth Trip--need to reserve lodgings/guides

OPERATION AT EASE:

Eric Holmes presented this initiative, if people are interested in helping with boat rides or many of the other activities for active service members and their families, they are invited to attend a meeting to learn more on March 19 at 6:00 PM at the St James Community center.

Contact information:

- Website: www.oaeamerica.org
- Email: operationatease@gmail.com
- Eric Holmes - Chairman
- eric.p.holmes56@gmail.com
- 443-890-4504

His presentation is attached.

HANDS ON WORKSHOPS

Members broke up into 5 groups and rotated between five tables to learn to share information on each of the following topics.

- Knot Table- Dominick Sangillo
 - Have members tie various knots using bi-colored ropes
- Flies Table-Rick Hettenbach
 - Rick and Rev to provide flies and have members ID them
- Fish ID Table-Rev. Jim White
 - Rev to have pictures of local fish for members to ID them
- Boating Safety Table-Harry Oakley
 - Joe to ask members to identify items needed for a Coast Guard Inspection
- Fly Fishing Destination Table-Al Roy
 - Al to ask members where they can fish for various fish species

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Twelve members continued discussions at Paul’s on Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Falkenstein

CFF Officers for 2024 are:

Rick Hettenbach -President/Club Officer	Board Member
Al Roy-Vice President/Club Officer	Board Member
Doug Donaldson-Treasurer/Club Officer	Board Member
Dennis Falkenstein-Secretary/Club Officer	Board Member
Jim White	Director-Education
Steve Moore	Director-Webmaster/Conservation
Jim Larson	Board Member
Joe Fetter	Board Member
Dominick Sangillo	Board Member

Cape Fear Flyfishers

Treasurer's Report

<u>Beginning Cash Balance (1/1/2024)</u>		\$2,409.83
(allows for for 2022 gift of \$2,500)		
<u>Activity Since 1/1/2024</u>		
Dues Collected	\$3,799.00	
Hat Sales	\$175.00	\$3,974.00
		<hr/>
Subtotal:		\$6,383.83
<u>Less Payments:</u>		
Paid Balance Due on 2023 rent	-\$381.75	
Paid Zoom Subscription	-\$111.93	
Paid FFI - prorated dues for new members	-\$95.42	
Other payments (bank fees, postage,copying)	-\$66.17	-\$655.27
		<hr/>
<u>Ending Cash Balance (2/20/2024)</u>		\$5,728.56
<u>Less: Known F/Y 2024 Liabilities:</u>		
2024 SJCC Hall Rent - Bal. due	(Annual: \$1,137.25)	-\$853.25
FFI Renewal Dues (7/1/24)		<hr/> -\$1,340.00
<u>Available Uncommitted Cash</u>		<hr/> <hr/> \$3,535.31

Membership Status

YTD 2024

- 45 Renewals
- 9 new members
- 3 not renewing
- 27 have not renewed

12/31/2023 - 75 Members



Operation at Ease (OAE)



Operation at Ease (OAE)

- Operation At Ease (OAE) - 501c3
- Active-Duty Military Families Rest and Relaxation (R&R) vacation
 - Soldiers that have deployed within the last year
 - 2023 - 60 families (2008 - 675 families)
- Weekend retreat hosted by our St. James community
 - Condo (Harborside, Club Villa, Marshwinds)
 - Meals - homemade breakfasts, dinner and local food vouchers
 - Photography session
 - Amenities: Boat Ride, Aquarium Visit, Troon Clubs and Beach Club
 - Travel expenses

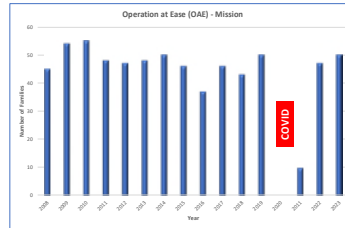


Operation at Ease (OAE)

- Team
 - OAE Board, Monthly Coordinators, Greeters, Photographers, Boat Captains, Meal Service
 - Volunteer opportunity - pay it forward
- Recruit, Train, Continue the Mission
- Funded:
 - Blue Bow Sales (Service Club) – Feb Campaign
 - American Legion Post 543
 - Individual donations
- Challenges
 - OAE lost some visibility due to the pandemic
 - Too many good charities and limited time/resources



Operation at Ease (OAE)



Avg #Families per year - 45

Costs per family visit

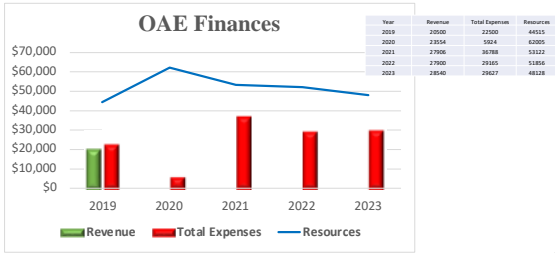
- Condo - \$500
- Travel - \$ 75
- Food Vouchers - \$40
- Avg Amenities - \$50
- Dentated
- Photography
- Boat rides
- Breakfast/Dinner Meals

- Fixed costs per family
- Bow Sale Materials - \$65
- Misc supplies - \$30

It takes 76 Bow Sales to support 1 Military Family



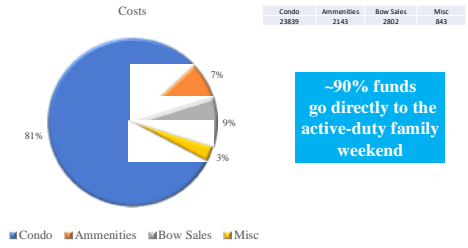
Operation at Ease (OAE)



5



Operation at Ease (OAE)



6



Operation at Ease (OAE)



7



Operation at Ease (OAE)

- ROI: Military Family thank you notes is our reward!

In the 18 years I have been serving in the U.S. Army, I have never encountered such a program that gives back to soldiers & their families such as this one. For years I have been told 'Thank you' for my service, but never before until now have I or my family experienced such an outward display of giving that goes beyond just words. OAE is truly remarkable and hopefully will continue and become the start of many programs across the country that recognize the sacrifices and all to duty not only make by soldiers but their families as well while their loved one is deployed in support of freedmen. To those associated with OAE: 'You are my Hero! Thank you'

8



Operation at Ease (OAE)

- 2024 OAE Season: May to September
 - Annual Volunteer Meeting:
 - 19 March 6 pm, St. James Community Center
- Website: www.oacamerica.org
- Email: operationatease@gmail.com
- Eric Holmes - Chairman
 - eric.p.holmes56@gmail.com
 - 443-890-4504

9



Operation at Ease (OAE)

OAE Season

Month	1st Weekend	3 rd Weekend
May	3-5	17-19
June	7-9	21-23
July	12-14	26-28
August	9-11	23-25
September	6-8	20-22

9 April 1000 – Greeter Meeting at St James Community Center

10



Operation at Ease (OAE)

Volunteer Sign-up
Direct Funding

Questions?