



## **Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—April 16, 2025**

<https://capefearff.com>

President Rick Hettenbach called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the St James Homer Wright Event Center.

Twenty-three (23) members were in attendance.

### **NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:**

No visitors/new members attended meeting:

### **FLY Raffle:**

- Dave Risberg won the fly raffle.

### **FISHING REPORTS**

- Locally a few flounder and sea trout were caught.
- Tennessee visitors reported good fishing now.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

- Treasurer Doug Donaldson reported that the club's cash balance is \$ 5,936.61.
- Fifty-one (51) members renewed 2025 membership with twenty did not renew.
- CFF received a \$2,500 gift. Discussion included doing something with local children.

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

CFF will have a directory posted on the web site. It would be password protected to keep it secure from website visitors who are not members. Members would like to recognize members more easily if a photo is included. Members are encouraged to send a photo for inclusion ,to Dennis@icloud.com

Please, prefer no sunglasses or fish (fish will be cropped out, fish have their own directory on the App “Fish Rules”) 😊

### **UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April 26 Casting Clinic
- May 14 Annual Picnic at Woodlands Pavilion, St James
- Continued Monthly meetings June, July, August
- October 4-8 Beaufort Trip in concert with FFI, email Rick if wanting to attend
- October 19-24 Spousal Fishing trip to Dillsboro, NC

## **SPEAKER PRESENTATION**

Capt. Will Stephens presented in person about fly fishing opportunities in Brazil.

Will has been fly fishing for over 25 years and logged thousands of miles in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the challenge was always being finding far flung places untouched by anglers with a focus on the elusive, the largest and hard to catch. Along the way, a natural appreciation for the environment and the cultures of people around the world always factored into finding the next best place to fish. Will currently resides in the South Carolina Low Country where he bought and since sold Southern Drawl Outfitters, a vintage fly and tackle shop supplying the communities surrounding Hilton Head Island.

Will works with Untamed Angling in Brazil which has access to 600 miles of river. They offer a week fishing trip for 12 anglers at a time. They cover the Amazon region and have exclusive rights to four lodges in Brazil and five lodges in Argentina. September to November are peak times, August to February are available.

You are required to bring your own gear; rods, reels, and flies. You can preorder flies with them.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM. Many members continued discussions at Paul's on Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Falkenstein/Dominick Sangillo

### **CFF Board for 2024/25 are:**

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

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