



Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—January 21, 2026

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President Al Roy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Homer Wright Event Center. Approximately 40 members attended the meeting. Al said the club is looking for volunteers to take on the positions that have opened up. See list of open positions at end of minutes.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

A few new members attended meeting:

Jack Bartels
Ron Hall (former member re-enlisting)
Jerry Nonnemacher
Mike Snyder

FLY Raffle:

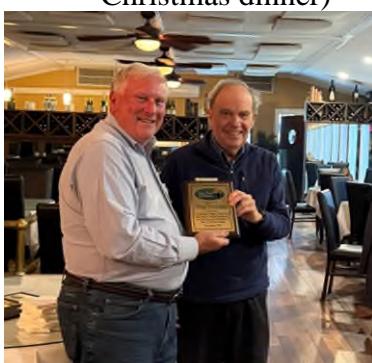
- Terry Hackett won the fly raffle

FISHING REPORTS

- None

TREASURERS REPORT

- Treasurer Doug Donaldson reported that the club's result from 2025 was close to breakeven; -\$4.41.
- Doug recently confirmed with the donor that the anonymous donation (which we received in a prior year) is an unrestricted gift which can be used for any club purpose deemed appropriate. The donor still wishes to remain anonymous.
- The position of treasurer is moving to Paul Askew, since Doug has completed 5 years according to bylaws. He was applauded for the great job he has done. He received the President's award for his work from Rick Hettenbach. (see attached photo from Christmas dinner)



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- We currently have 70 members
- An appeal was made for individuals to renew their membership now

UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A speaker is currently scheduled for the February meeting. Al Roy asked for input on any suggestions for the future meetings as well as plans for scheduled member trips.

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

Jon Hooper General Manager – South Holston River Lodge, presented on fishing the Holston and Wautuga Rivers. The South Holston River Lodge was awarded the Orvis Endorsed Flyfishing Lodge of the Year for 2025. A number of club members have stayed at the lodge in the past and have been provided a quality experience. The lodge is approximately 400 miles from Southport with fishing in Tennessee. The website is very informative on the specifics of the lodge and services available; www.southholstonriverlodge.com (423) 878-3457

The South Holston Lake Dam controls the flow of water into the river. The water is released from the bottom of the lake which means it is cold and conducive for good fishing. There is an aerator at the outflow to oxygenate the flow. There are huge wild Brown trout that are from Boone Lake that are too smart to be easily caught, but there is always the chance. Otherwise there are young brown and rainbow trout.

Jon said they focus on teaching fly fishing to guests to be able to catch fish within all types of seasons and varying conditions. They are open all twelve months of the year. Some of his techniques are shown in the following images. He discussed streamer fishing. For fly casting he addressed using a slack line to work in the microcurrents. When using indicators he prefers Lefty Strike Indicators and fluorocarbon line. He also mentioned the use of New Zealand indicators. He stressed to always “set the hook” at the least indication.

He went through a large list of flies and said they are constantly adjusting the line depth and changing flies to make the catch. The flies he mentioned were: Mayhem, sweat thing, Frenchie, Hot Spot Softie, soft hackle, just add water, and for dry flies he likes the Puff Daddy. He likes to have a double dry fly set up. He also uses a simple cripple, Midges, scuds and sowbugs. Jon is an enthusiast on all the bugs /terrestrials that the fish like at different times of the year. He has pumped stomachs to learn specifics.

- Mayflies
 - Sulphurs
 - Baetis
- Midges
- Scuds
- Black Flies
- Few Caddis and Stones
- Terrestrials
 - Beetles
 - Ants
 - Worms



TECHNIQUES

- High water fishing techniques
 - Bottom bouncer or drop shot rig
 - Traditional inline nymph rig with heavy weight
 - Streamer fishing
 - Dry fly fishing – 9-12ft leader
- Low water fishing techniques
 - Dry dropper
 - Light indicator setups
 - Dry fly fishing- 9-14ft leader

HEAVY WATER SET UP

245 BOTTOM BOUNCER
OR DROP SHOT RIG

Indicator adjustment on
butt section

4X surgeons knot to 2X,
length of 4X depends on
depth of water.

Add enough weight to
ensure ticking effect. Tie a
knot at end of 4X to keep
split shot from sliding off.

4FT 25lb-35lb butt section
of leader

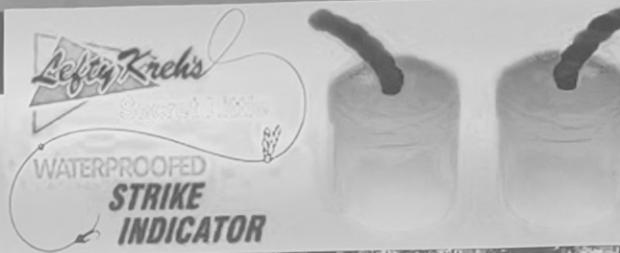
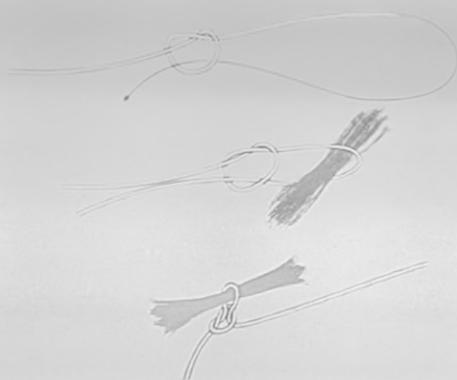
12-18 inches of 2X with a lopp
to loop connection with
butt section

Two 6-inch tags 12-16 inches
apart. Attach to 4X with a
surgeon's knot



LEFTY'S SECRET LITTLE INDICATOR

OPEN LOOP



ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Nine members continued discussions at Paul's of Oak Island. The service was very good, perhaps because attendance is down during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Falkenstein

Cape Fear Flyfishers- Treasurer's Report

Cash Revenue and Expense Statement for 2025

Revenue

Member Dues	\$	4,669.00
Hat Sales	\$	150.00
Fly Raffle Proceeds	\$	25.00
Contributions (Cash)	\$	13.00
Other Revenue	\$	5.27
Total Revenue	\$	4,862.27

Expenses

FFI Dues	\$	(1,715.17)
FFI Insurance	\$	(350.00)
Meeting Venue Rent	\$	(1,239.25)
Speaker Fees	\$	(172.80)
Social Events	\$	(548.26)
Annual Banquet	\$	(353.32)
Contributions	\$	(200.00)
Office Expenses	\$	(287.91)
Total Expense	\$	(4,866.71)

Net Cash Revenue (Expense) **\$ (4.44)**

Ending Cash Balance	12/31/25	\$2,860.25
Less: Beginning Cash Balance	1/1/25	- \$2,864.69
Net Revenue/Deficit		-\$4.44

CFF Board for 2026 are:

Al Roy -President/Club Officer

Board Member

OPEN-Vice President/Club Officer

Board Member

Paul Askew-Treasurer/Club Officer

Board Member

OPEN-Secretary/Club Officer

Board Member

Dennis Falkenstein filling in

Jim White

Director-Education

Steve Moore

Director-Webmaster/Conservation

Jim Larson

Board Member

Joe Fetter

Board Member

Dominick Sangillo

Board Member