



Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—March 18, 2026

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President Al Roy called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM at the Homer Wright Event Center. Approximately 25 members attended the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

- A few visitors/potential members attended meeting:
 - Nick Harper Phone: 775-848-2813 Email: naharper2015@gmail.com
 - Tom ? did not catch his full name

FLY RAFFLE:

- Nick Harper won the fly raffle

FISHING REPORTS

- Fishing in the area was reported as terrible with the recent weather conditions

TREASURERS REPORT

- Treasurer Paul Askew reported that the club's cash balance is \$ 5,332.80.

REQUEST RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

- Al Roy emphasized the need for members to renew their memberships and become current with the dues
- A small increase in dues was made over last year with the need to cover the membership in our parent organization; FFI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026

- Election of new officers for 2026 was convened
- A slate of nominees was presented:
 - Al Roy for President and Club Officer
 - Dave Risberg for Vice President and Club Officer
 - Paul Askew for Treasurer and Club Officer
 - Craig Beattie for Secretary and Club Officer
- The vote in favor of these nominees was unanimous

UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 15; The speaker for the April members meeting will be EJ Stearn; he is the guide coordinating the spousal trip in October to Smith River Outfitters in Bassett, Va.
- April TBD; Mike Raby indicated he has access to a couple of ponds on Benton Rd. for casting practice/BBQ, a number of members showed interest. This would be a family event on a Saturday.
- May 20: CFF will coordinate a BBQ from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the St James Woodlands Pavilion. This will be a minimal cost for attendees covering the main course with sides being a shared pot luck. Members and family/friends are invited.
- October 19-23; Spousal fishing trip to Bassett, VA.

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Fellow CFF member, Joe Rinaldi, presented a recent trip (late February 2026) to Patagonia- staying at the Limay River Lodge for six days. Members joining him were: Paul Askew, Ken Devansky, Myles Dotto, Tom Duym, Ron Harris, and Rick Winterhalter. Also on the trip were former member, and club treasurer Tony Mangiapane plus four others - 2 from Southport, 1 from Leland and his friend from CT. They targeted fly fishing for browns and also rainbows in the Lemay River for 6 days. Patagonia is a region encompassing the vast southernmost tip of South America, shared by Argentina and Chile, with the Andes Mountains as its dividing line. It covers 400,000 square miles. They experienced catching 10 pound brown trout, 29" long! These fish were not native to this area but eggs were brought in by Europeans who settled in the area. Many of the residents are of European descent.

Members expressed this was a 35 hour trip, portal to portal. The lodge however, put a premium on hospitality. They were greeted at the San Martin airport, which unfortunately was a four hour drive from the lodge, the last hour being on dirt roads. They were outfitted with the best gear; including Orvis rods and fitted for waders.

Fishing was primarily done with streamers and only about 15% with dry flies. The fish were extremely large and a challenge to land with six and seven weight rods. An interesting incentive was that the members decided to give \$50 to the fisher with the best fish each day and \$300 for the best for the week. Instead of keeping it for themselves they gave it to their guide which added competition among the guides as well.

This location appears to be one for our bucket list. Joe indicated the cost is also less than going to Alaska, for a comparable experience, he indicated the cost was \$6,300. See attached photos.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. Eight members continued discussions at Paul's of Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Falkenstein/Craig Beattie

CFF Board for 2026 are:

Al Roy -President/Club Officer	Board Member
Dave Risberg-Vice President/Club Officer	Board Member
Paul Askew-Treasurer/Club Officer	Board Member
Craig Beattie-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







Catch of the week!



One of the "small ones"



Four course lunch !



Ric's Brown