



Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—October 21, 2026

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President Al Roy called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM at the Homer Wright Event Center. Approximately 30 members attended the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

Three new members (Morgan Sullivan, David Beckwith, Greg Rusteikas) and four visitors (Kevin Murga, John Daigler, Bob Milam, Al Raynor) attended the meeting. David Beckwith is a certified FFI casting Instructor.

FLY Raffle:

- Terry Hackett won the fly raffle

FISHING REPORTS

- Jim White continues to await an update on fishing in the ponds in Brunswick County identified by Mike Raby, from the owner. Eighteen members/wives made the spousal trip with 15 attending the trip dinner in a local restaurant. Dave Risberg reported that the trip hotel was great, guides and fishing were excellent in the Smith River for small mouth bass and trout although the latter were generally on the smaller side. One additional report of excellent fishing for albies and Taylor (blue fish) at Bald Head Flats and Cape Creek (Dave Risberg).

TREASURERS REPORT

- Dominick Sangillo reporting for Treasurer Paul Askew stated that the club's gross cash balance remains at \$ 5964.14. Of this, 1255.00 was forwarded to FFI for dues with \$4699.14 currently on hand. There are currently 56 members fully paid up. All remaining members are encouraged to pay their dues as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This year's Christmas part will be held on December 8th, at Island Way Restaurant, Oak Island. As usual there will be excellent hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar,

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

- Matias Claret and Fran Bottero of SET Flyfishing in Argentina were our guest speakers. They gave an in-depth presentation of fly fishing for Golden Dorado, Surubi, etc., from three separate lodges on the upper Parana River as well as the Ysoro and Ibera Wetlands in northern and north central Argentina. Main points for fishing these waters: September to May (southern hemisphere) is best fishing season. Golden Dorado spawn in the upper reaches of the Parana and the eggs float downstream to the wetlands. Always fish structure for Dorado. Streamers are an excellent lure. An active

and lengthy discussion followed. Al Roy, who has fished with SET previously noted that SET is a first-class operation that provides all tackle if requested and does an excellent job with logistics. The food and beverage service is outstanding. SET also has very experienced guides who are well versed on the habits of the local fish.

A summary of the full Power Point presentation will be attached when received from the presenters.

Adjournment

- The General meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm PM. Many members continued the discussion with Matias and Fran at Paul's, Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Beattie