



Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Introduction of New Members and Guests

President Harry Gobble welcomed Keith Holman, one of the original charter members of the club.

Approval of the October Minutes

The October minutes were approved, subject to showing Ed Smith as the winner of the fly drawing last month.

Treasurer's Report

Tony Mangiapane reported we have about \$1,750 in the bank which will drop after making an upcoming IFFF payment for liability insurance of about \$350.

Fly Drawing

Greg Swift won the fly drawing.

Fishing Reports

Jim White reported an angler catching several black drum (only two keepers) off the end of the street next to his house. Other fisherman caught a nice speckled trout with live shrimp on the falling tide.

Dan Smith caught a 30" red drum fishing off Yaupon reef using spinning tackle.

Peter Laughlin had to cancel a charter with Luke Tippet, last's month's featured speaker, due to inclement weather.

Forest Duncan has found the Lockwood Folly area to be productive over the past month. He caught a 25.5" speckled trout on a Rapala X-Rap lure near Marker 1 at the mouth of the Lockwood Folly River and others from Markers 40 to 46 on the intra-coastal waterway. He also caught a 19" and a 21" black drum on sand fleas on the drop-off on the right side of the entrance to the Lockwood Folly River. One can fish the shell-covered, drop-off for several hundred yards up from the mouth.

Eddie plans to charter Luke Tippet to fly fish in December.

Steve has not had luck fishing lately in the surf. He announced he is going to test a new electronic fish caller.

Larry Rittenger caught lots of nice bluefish off the Outer Banks; he also received reports the pier fishermen are catching 40-44" red drum.

Bobby Sands fished for redfish with guide Scott Thomas at [Hobcaw Barony, S.C.](#) near Georgetown. One fishes by car, not boat, driving along marsh looking for tailing fish.

Old Business

IFFF Association Update – The club needs to verify its Employee Identification Number with the IRS, which has no record of our ID number. We must submit [Form 990 or 900 EZ](#), an eight-page form to establish and maintain our status as a non-profit. The club is still waiting for a CPA's recommendations on how to handle the issue – which we hope to have by our next meeting.

Holiday Party – President Harry Gobble sent the following information to members on November 16th which he discussed at the meeting. Please send checks to Treasurer Tony Mangiapane.

“As referenced in previous emails...and monthly meetings, our annual end-of-year dinner meeting will be held at [The Members Club in St. James](#) on Thursday, December 17th. Our social hour will begin at 6 PM and we should be wrapped up around 9 PM. The CFF Treasury will pick up the tab for the hors d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar for your holiday libations. We will again be in the Bar-Grille area, this smaller room worked very well for us last year.

In addition to food and beverage, there will be a brief business meeting during which we will acknowledge the sometimes exceptional...and sometimes unusual, contributions to the CFF during 2015.

Since last year's menu was so well received....meaning that no one complained....we are sticking very close to the same options, they are listed below. The price referenced includes tax and gratuity.

Entrée Choices

Filet.....\$40

Salmon.....\$33

Pasta Primavera.....\$28

 With Chicken.....\$33

 With Shrimp.....\$36

Dessert Choices

NY Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce....OR,

Key Lime Pie with Raspberry Sauce

I will need to confirm entrée and dessert choices (and wellness indication on filet orders) and of course the number attending to The Members Club by December 4, 2015. If you and your spouse can confirm your attendance and menu selection quickly.....and you remember to bring your check book, you can make your payment at the meeting on Wednesday night. Please make checks payable to Cape Fear Flyfishers. The club will collect all payments and consolidate to make final settlement to The Members Club.”

New Business

Georgetown, S.C. – we are now considering the first or second week of December; we will have a couple of boats with trailers and should be able to hire guides.

[False Albacore Fly Fishing](#) near Wrightsville Beach: Bobby Sands reported the false albacore have left according to Alex Posey and Will Huffine.

Pine Island, Winnipeg, Canada: Bobby Sands will be sending members information on a trip he is planning next year to fish for smallmouth in Canada. Seven or eight members are needed for the trip. He strongly encourages members to consider what will likely be a memorable trip. This will not be a club-sponsored trip.

PROGRAM: 2016 PLANNING

Incoming president Jim White moderated the brainstorming of ideas for 2016 club activities. Suggestions are categorized below for program, trip, and extra-curricular activities. Concern was expressed over the lack of trailered boats for away trips. However, several members have kayaks for local trips. Suggestions reflect the fact that many members are making the transition from fishing freshwater mountain streams to fishing saltwater. The club will endeavor to increase the number of events before monthly meetings and will re-establish a working Mentor system for new members. Jim will meet with a committee of several members to prepare a 2016 agenda for members to approve at our next meeting.

2016 PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
Saltwater and Freshwater Fly Fishing	Introduce members with no or limited experience to the world of saltwater fly fishing, highlighting the differences in gear, flies, casting maintenance, etc. between the two.
Gear and Tips	This was a popular program in 2015 with members sharing their favorite gear and tips.
Google Earth – Where to Fish	Members share favorite fishing locations with the aid of Google Earth on the big screen.
Electronic Resources Night	Member presentations on favorite web applications such as Tides4Fishing , blogs, weather, fly tying, fishing reports, suppliers, etc. We might add these as links to our website.
Fly Fishing in the Surf	Program would discuss where to go and how to do it with tips on how to cast into the wind.
No-Boat Fishing	Where to go and how to do it. The membership has only a few boats with trailers and a few members with kayaks. Learning locations to fish without a boat would be helpful.
Local Guide Presentations	Enables members to become acquainted with guides they may later want to charter; for example, a program on fly fishing and casting with Seth Vernon.
Fish Species Presentations	Programs focusing on particular species (reds, speckled trout, bream, bass, stripers, white perch) prior to trips to fish for them.
Annual Picnic	Consider holding in June when it is not so hot. Include a casting contest.

2016 TRIP SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
Morehead City, False Albacore	Late October and mid-November.
Wrightsville Beach, False Albacore	Late October and mid-November.
Roanoke River, Stripers	An annual club tradition – and only a four-hour drive away in Weldon, N.C. on the NC-VA border. We usually go in early May when fishing is catch and release and the river is less crowded.
Georgetown, SC, Red Drum	May for reds; August for tarpon; late summer to wade-fish for reds; November/December for reds.
NC Mountains, Trout	Past trips have included Waynesville and Boone-Boiling Rock. Should we consider another location? Consider this trip for April instead of October; October gets a lot of fishing pressure. Float trips are impeded by the numerous waders on the river. This is traditionally a spouse trip, so we should find an alternative location that offers shopping, attractions, etc.
Behind Bald Head Island	Getting there and learning how to fish high and low tides. One has to know the tide and fish patterns as the tides provide a short window of opportunity to fish Buzzard's Bay. Can do this trip anytime the weather is suitable to cross the Cape Fear River.
Marshes around Southport, the ICW, and Bald Head Island, Red Drum, Speckled Trout	Anytime.
Rice's/Town Creek, Bass and Bream	Any time after February. Nearby and can be productive if you plan the right time of the year and know where and how to fish. Boats should be 22' and smaller. This is an excellent location for kayak fishing.
Boiling Springs Lake	Nearby; it has been several years since fishing this location.
Lake Waccamaw, Bass, Bream, and White Perch	Nearby; good for white perch but must fish for them the first two weeks of the summer. It is a very shallow lake, with much of the lake 2-2.5 feet.

Montana, Trout	Summer.
Pine Island, Winnipeg River, Manitoba, Canada	Not a club-sponsored trip. Early June; Bobby Sands will be sending more information about this trip soon.
New York, Steelhead	Western NY, Erie PA, and tributaries of Lake Erie; a 12-14 hour drive. Fish September/October and through the winter if prepared to endure the cold weather; must know on short notice when to fish. Not a club trip
New River, Smallmouth Bass	Fish one section for smallmouth in the spring; another section and time for trout.
Caribbean, Bonefish	Not a club-sponsored trip.
Florida Keys, Bonefish	Not a club-sponsored trip.
Bermuda	Not a club-sponsored trip.
Alaska, Salmon	Not a club-sponsored trip.

2016 EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
Fly Tying Sessions	Proved to be popular last year; options include holding sessions before regular meeting during the winter when we have less daylight; or holding sessions as a regular program event. We have sufficient number of coaches and equipment.
Bob Clouser Fly Tying and/or Casting Seminar	Seminar would be 8-10 hours at a cost of about \$1,000 (20 members at \$50 each) plus air fare. Bob Brien can arrange.
Gear Sale and Swap	Members would bring in gear they no longer need to sale or swap.
Rod, Reel, Line Exposition	Display and allow members to try various types of fly fishing equipment.
Ladies Fly Fishing Course	This was very successful in 2015. Seth Vernon teaches the course. The course was held at the Blockade Runner Inn at Wrightsville Beach. Other spouses may want to take part in another course. Other instructors might include Luke Tippet and Allen Cain .

Navigating Bald Head Marsh	The area behind BHI offers the best fishing in our area but few members know how to access and navigate it. One has to know the water to fish it. Bobby Sands offered to show where to fish the areas he knows.
Lanyard Building	We have a lanyard-building kit we can use.
Mentor Program	Revive this activity which was well received in the past.
Pond Meetings	Hold a meeting on a pond – or the Wildlife ramp off Fish Factory Road - to teach and practice casting.
Speckled Trout and Redfish Fishing Derby	Hold a local, half-day derby that ends with lunch and the awarding of prizes. “Let’s Go Fishing!”
Rod Building	Winter months would be great for this.
Monthly Meetings	Hold earlier in the day to permit outdoor activities in the winter. Hold meetings in locations other than the SJ Community Center such as member homes or garage, on a pond, etc.
Trip Planning Guides	Coordinators of fishing trips would prepare a 1-2 page trip guide that details location directions, species, flies, presentation techniques, etc.
Club Committees	Establish committees for planning, elections, and programs. The Planning Committee would listen to members’ ideas and proposed an agenda for the year. The Elections Committee would help recruit club officers. The Program Committee would focus on planning the monthly program agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Forest Duncan

Secretary