



Club Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The meeting began with the casting clinic followed at 6:00 with the club business meeting.

Club Business Meeting

Introduction of New Members and Guests – President Jim White asked each member to briefly introduce themselves as we have so many new members.

Approval of Minutes - Members approved the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Tony Mangiapane reported we have about \$4,666 in the bank.

Drawing of Donated Flies – Harry Gobble was the lucky winner.

Trips and Activities

NC Mountain Trip, October 8-12. The fishing was fun but the catching was iffy, given the heavy rains preceding the trip. The scenery was beautiful and the accommodations were excellent. Sadly, Marianne Krause had a seizure and Jim White is keeping members apprised of her condition. The club expressed its gratitude to Jim White, Jim Larson, and Virginia Brown for their challenging work in arranging the guides, reserving lodging, and making dinner reservations, respectively.

Georgetown, SC – volunteers are still needed to arrange the trip. Jim will give someone names of guides if you want to set it up. Contact Jim if you are interested in coordinating the trip. The guides can provide fly rods and reels.

Masonboro Inlet near Wrightsville Beach, late October, early November – the clearer water of Masonboro Inlet is better suited for catching False Albacore. Catch them is an indescribable experience. Two boats are available for the trip but more are needed. The inlet is a 30 nm boat trip from the St. James Marina, up the Cape Fear to Snow's Cut; and up the ICW to the inlet. Boat owners without trailers are asked to consider the trip. Again, the club needs a volunteer to coordinate the trip.

Christmas/Holiday/Annual Banquet & Awards – Saturday, December 16 – It will be held at the St. James Plantation Members Club. Come for a fun evening and the chance to win a fly rod; you must be present to win. More information will be coming soon.

New Business

The Board of Directors met before the business meeting and amended the By-Laws to correct misspellings (see attachment) and add a Director of Education position to the Board of Directors. Descriptions of all director positions, including the new Director of Education, are attached. The club circulated the attachment for members' consideration. Members approved the proposed changes in the language of the By-Laws (attached) and the addition of the Director of Education position.

Members approved the following nominations of officers to begin serving next year:

President: Ed Smith
Vice-President: Bill Buchsbaum
Secretary: Nancy Fuller
Treasurer: Scott Ewing
Environmental Director: Steve Moore
Activities Director: Jim Larson
Director of Education: Dan Smith
Former President – Jim White

Ron Ryll proposed adding a Contracts Director position for reviewing club trip contracts and liability insurance. The Board of Directors will consider the proposal soon.

Roundtable

What's Biting – where, and on what?

Tom Brown reported catching the limit on gray trout recently, fishing Artificial Reef 420.

Ed Smith and Scott Ewing chartered Judson Brock to sightfish for redfish near Shellbed Island, behind Bald Head Island, south of Fort Fisher. Ed estimated he and Scott together only made 20 casts in the four hours they were out but each landed a nice redfish.

PROGRAM: PLANNING FOR 2018

Ed Smith, our newly-elected president starting 2018, thanked members for approving the new slate of officers; expressed appreciation for work of the outgoing officers, and invited all members to contribute to the planning and implementation of club activities going forward. Ed led members in a discussion of suggested club programs, classes/seminars, local trips, and trips for 2018. He distributed the attached table "Cape Fear Flyfishers 2018 Planning – Tentative." It was the product of ideas solicited earlier by email from members and a planning committee that included the president of a flyfishing club visiting Jim Larson from Fresno, CA. Key take-away messages of these planning efforts follow.

Next year's planning objective is to make programs and activities relevant and local, underscoring fishing locally as much as possible. "Local" is not just Southport; it also includes nearby areas such as the Southern Appalachians and Charleston. Destination trips to Montana and possibly other areas will continue to be promoted but the emphasis will be on local trips that can be made in a day, overnight, or over a few days to destinations within a day's drive.

Using local guides, both as speakers and resources for fishing locally, will be promoted. In the past, the tendency has been for members to expect the club to arrange all fishing trips, including those using local guides. In the future, the club wants to encourage members to contract local guides themselves – "Do It Yourself" fishing with guides, to take advantage of their excellent knowledge and services. Hiring guides for a day is much cheaper than investing in a boat. The club will be emailing members a list of recommended guides and their contact information.

Planning objectives for next year emphasize education, a passion of member Dan Smith, our new Director of Education. Our philanthropic focus will shift from national programs such as Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, and Casting for Recovery to local ones such as a proposed Kids Fly Fishing Academy that Dan Smith is planning to establish by working with local schools and possibly the Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. The club can still support the national programs but the club will ask those with a special passion for these programs to take the lead in supporting them.

Fishing education next year will expand the Fly Fishing 101 program to include more hands on applications, such as casting, knot tying, putting equipment together, and more discussion about gear. We may start a Fly Fishing 200 program for more advanced members. Fly tying classes are being considered which may involve a fee but one may go home with a fly-tying kit.

In addition to kayak fishing, members are also interested in boats for fly fishing, wanting to learn what kind of boats are here, how to equip them, and how to rent one. We are proposing a program on boats for fly fishing accordingly, drawing on the expertise of some of our members.

We do not plan to hold women's only activities next year; seeing no reason to segregate members in that regard.

As part of the New Business discussion in future meetings, members are invited to highlight any new gear discoveries that they believe may be of interest to other members.

The table below captures comments made by the planning committee and those added by members at the October meeting. This is a first pass and more input is welcome; club will finalize in November. We will have a club member coordinate each meeting based on their background and familiarity with the topic or speaker; for example, Bill Buchsbaum inviting Seth Vernon to speak to us in January; Nancy Fuller inviting a Hunter Banks Guide to speak to us in February; and Rob Thompson and Jim Larson to help with the Boats for Fly Fishing program. Trip sign-up sheets were available at the meeting for members to express their interest in various destinations, near and far.

Planning next year will be more formalized and will be done more in advance. The club will post the activities in the table below on the website once they are firmed up. Everyone is encouraged to visit the [club website](#); Members Only Code Fish4Reds.

2018 MONTHLY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
1/17: Local Guide - Spring Fishing for Reds and Specs	Bill Buchsbaum will coordinate invitation to Seth Vernon to discuss fly fishing for reds, specs, and flounder.
2/21: Southern Appalachian Fly Fishing	Nancy Fuller will coordinate invitation to Hunter Banks to cover fishing western NC, southwest VA, and eastern TN.
3/21: Boats for Local Fly Fishing	Rob Thompson and Jim Larson to coordinate program preparation, including Freedom Boat Club and renting kayaks locally from Adventure Kayak Company (Emma).
4/18: Smallies and Pan Fish on the Fly	Ed will sponsor the program using an outside speaker from FFI who will be in Wilmington at this time.
5/16:	

What Local Fish Eat and Flies to Match	Will explore presentation with Charlie White who could talk about entomology and flies that match.
June: No Meeting – Picnic TBD	Will be asking for volunteers to coordinate.
7/18: East Coast Stripers	Rob Thompson has a presentation he is willing to give.
8/15: Keeping a Fly Fishing Log Book – Why and How	Steve Moore is working with a company to develop an app for logging saltwater fish catches. We will ask Steve to update us on the app and other options one might use.
9/19: Local Guides – Fall Fishing for Reds, Trout, and False Albacore	Scott Ewing will contact Judson Brock to talk about fall fishing for these species.
10/17: Planning/Election of Officers	We will continue to plan next year activities and elect officers in October.
11/14: Fishing Through the Winter (Note earlier date due to Thanksgiving)	Forest Duncan will coordinate this program.
December: No Meeting – Banquet TBD	Will be asking for volunteers to coordinate.

2018 MONTHLY CLASSES/SEMINARS SUGGESTIONS	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
January	Intro to Fly Fishing (Dan Smith) Pechmann Fishing Education Center
February	Jerry Dilsaver Fishing School, February 3 and 10 Fisherman's Post "Hands On" Saltwater Fishing School – Wilmington, February 10 Fly Tying Seminar (Dan Smith)
March	
April	Jerry Dilsaver's Women's Only Fishing Seminar Intro to Fly Fishing (Dan Smith)
May	
June	Jerry Dilsaver's Kayak Fishing School
July	Intro to Fly Fishing (Dan Smith); TBD
August	
September	
October	Intro to Fly Fishing (Dan Smith); TBD
November	Fly Tying Seminar (Dan Smith); TBD
December	

<p>2018</p> <p>MONTHLY LOCAL TRIP SUGGESTIONS</p>	
SUGGESTION	COMMENTS
January	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
February	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
March	Pond Fishing, Each Wednesday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. DIY Fishing with Local Guide
April	Pond Fishing, Each Wednesday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Rices Creek, Boiling Spring Lakes DIY Fishing with Local Guide
May	Pond Fishing, Each Wednesday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lake Waccamaw DIY Fishing with Local Guide
June	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
July	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
August	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
September	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
October	Beach Fishing? DIY Fishing with Local Guide
November	DIY Fishing with Local Guide
December	DIY Fishing with Local Guide

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January	
February	
March	
April	Bristol, TN - Trout (late April). This is a fishing dedicated trip, not a spousal one although spouses interested in fishing are welcome to participate.
May	Weldon, NC - Striped Bass. Weather has been a problem the past two years but it is a memorable experience when the weather is good and the fish are biting.
June	<p>Twin Bridges, Montana - Trout (Late June); only four members participated last year but the trip could accommodate six to eight. The cost is \$2,500 to \$3,000. Reservations must be made in January.</p> <p>Another option is Jackson Hole, Wyoming. This could be a spousal trip.</p> <p>Colorado offers yet other options, including Walton, CO, which offers mainly wade fishing.</p>
July	New River (VA) – Smallmouth. Judson Conway from Boone, NC is our contact. These would be float trips.
August	Colorado?
September	
October	<p>NC Mountain Spousal - Trout (Oct 7-11?). This will continue. Booking past this time period moves into the deer hunting season, making booking accommodations more challenging.</p> <p>Also being considered is a fall, non-spousal, NC mountain trip, not necessarily following the spousal trip. One option would be fishing the Watauga and/or South Holston Rivers.</p>

November	Morehead City - False Albacore
December	
Other	<p>Florida, Louisiana, Caribbean (bonefishing), Alaska, and Patagonia. Sign-up sheets were made available to test the interest in these non-local destinations.</p> <p>Combine flyfishing with vacationing such as visiting Yellowstone National Park and spend a day or two fly fishing while you are there.</p>

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Duncan
Secretary

Officers of the Cape Fear Flyfishers, Inc.

Section 6. President. The President will be the principal executive officer of the Organization and shall have the general power of supervision and management over the business and affairs of the Organization. The President will preside at all meetings of the Board. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Organization authorized by the Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof is expressly delegated by the Board or by these bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Organization; and in general the President will perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

Section 7. Vice Presidents. There may be one or more Vice Presidents who shall have such duties as determined from time to time by the Board of the President. The Board shall designate one of the Vice Presidents as First Vice President or if there is only one Vice President, that person shall be designated First Vice President. The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's temporary absence and in the even of a vacancy in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall assume that office.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer will have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Organization; shall prepare an annual budget to the Organization; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Organization from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Organization in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as are selected by the Board; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or the Board.

Section 9. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of these bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Activities Director. Working directly with the Vice President and in concert with the President, the Activities Director shall be responsible for drafting an annual Calendar of Events, coordinating the activities of the Meeting Sponsors as they relate to the scheduling of presentations at regular monthly meetings, planning, managing and coordinating all outings and ancillary functions of The Organization.

Section 11. Environmental Director. It shall be the primary responsibility and obligation of the Environmental Director to monitor and measure the full scope of The Organization's goals, purposes, and activities to insure that those goals, purposes, and activities are in keeping with and carried out in a manner that is consistent with the practices and precepts of sound environmental conservation and ecological stewardship along with wise, prudent and judicial use of natural resources. The Environmental Director will also work to identify and present to the general membership meaningful environmental or conservation projects worthy of The Organization's consideration for adoption and/or sponsorship.

Section 12. Director of Education. The Director of Education is responsible for developing, coordinating, promoting and overseeing the implementation of an annual educational program focused on expanding interest among the general public in fly fishing while enhancing the skill levels of existing and potential Club members in all aspects of the sport. The Director of Education will call on the expertise of the Club members to help develop and implement educational and training efforts as an integral part of the Club's annual program of meetings, activities and events. Additionally, working in concert with the other officers and the Club webmaster, this position will have responsibility for helping to promote the sport of fly fishing, build awareness of the Club and recruit new members.

From: Jim White

jwwhite115@gmail.com

Subject: Got it figured

out Date: October 14,

2017 at 12:57 PM

To: Ed & Carol Smith mrndad0129@9mail.com

Dear Ed,

From my extremely careful (ha) reading of the bylaws, the following seems to be necessary:

1. The Directors are the ones empowered to amend the Bylaws (Article XIV) and requires a 2/3 majority of the entire Board.
2. Article V, Section 7 affirms that a quorum consists of 1 /3 of the Directors. Article V, Section 9 affirms, *any one or more members of the Board ... may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other means of remote communication by which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in a meeting constitutes presence in person at the meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any committee of the Board may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or the committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The Board or committees may exercise this action by written consent by means of electronic transmission.*
3. So, the current Board has 7 members (Rev., Ed, Forest, Tony, Harry, Steve, and Jim Larson) which means we need 2/3 of the 7 (round up to 5) to vote in favor of amending the bylaws. Steve is going to be out of town. If the others are going to attend, we are OK. Otherwise, we will need Steve or another Board member not present to call my cell during a brief meeting of the Board to approve the amendment.
4. Article V, Section 6 states that 5 days notice must be given for a special meeting of the Board. An electronic message today will satisfy that requirement. Since Article IV, Section 5 states that 10 days notice must be given for a meeting of the Membership, we satisfied that requirement by the agenda that was sent to each member prior to the September meeting in which it noted we would be electing officers at the October meeting. (Actually, the membership does not elect the officers. Article VI, Section 2 gives that power to the Board. But the Membership can "approve the action of the Board" or "affirm the action of the Board."
5. There are several amendments to the By-Laws:

Article V, Section 1- Change the first word in this section for *These* to *There*.

Article V, Section 9- Change *of to or* in the third sentence after the first mention of *Board* and again change *of to or* in the third word of the last sentence.

Article VI, Section 1- Add, Director of Education, after an Environmental Officer and change Environmental Officer to Environmental Director.

Add Section 12. Director of Education as detailed below:

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Cape Fear Flyfishers 2018 Planning - Tentative

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		Intro to Fly Fishing		
February				
		Jerry Dilsaver Fishing Seminar	DIY fishing with Local Guides	
		Fisherman's Post Seminar - Wilmington		
	2/21 Southern Appalachian Fly Fishing			
		Fly Tying Seminar		
March				
			Pond Fishing	
			DIY fishing with Local Guides	
	3/21 Boats for Local Fly Fishing			
April				
			Pond Fishing	Bristol, TN Trout (Late April)
		Jerry Dilsaver Women's Only Fishing Seminar	Rices Creek	
	4/18 Smallies and Pan Fish on the Fly		Boing Springs Lake	
		Intro to Fly Fishing	DIY fishing with Local Guides	
May				
			Pond Fishing	Weldon, NC Striped Bass
			Lake Waccamaw	
	5/16 What Local Fish Eat and Flies to Match		DIY fishing with Local Guides	
June				
		Jerry Dilsaver Kayak School	DIY fishing with Local Guides	Montana - Trout Fishing (Late June)
	No Meeting - Picnic TBD			

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		Intro to Fly Fishing		
August				
			DIY fishing with Local Guides	Colorado?
	8/15 Keeping a Fly Fishing Log Book - Why & How			
September				
			DIY fishing with Local Guides	
	9/19 Local Guides - Fall Fishing for Reds, Trout and False Albacore			
October				
			DIY fishing with Local Guides	NC Mountain Spousal Trout Fishing (Oct 7-11?)
	10/17 Planning/Election of Officers			NC/TN Mountain Trip (Without spouses?)
		Intro to Fly Fishing		
November				
		Fly tying Seminar	DIY fishing with Local Guides	Morehead City - False Albacore
	11/14 Fishing Through the Winter			
	(Note earlier date due to Thanksgiving)			
December				
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