

FREESTATE FLY FISHING MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

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GARY GREY

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Rich at 6:30 PM

At 6:45 PM we had 19 club members in attendance, not counting the speaker (Katlin Groundwater) and her father John Groundwater.

Rich worked through the business of the meeting including:

- Door Prize methodology (write a number down that can be shown on your computer)
- Announcements of upcoming activities and events
 - Until the state and the county raise to the next level of re-opening, all our FSFF meetings and all our first Saturday of the month fly tying sessions will be held virtually via Zoom meetings
 - We will continue hosting our Beer Ties virtually via Zoom meetings as well
 - We will re-start our movie nights once we are able to get back together again at the clubhouse
 - We have evaluated our Saturday hands-on sessions to see which ones we can host virtually and which one we will wait to reschedule when we start meeting at the clubhouse once again.
 - Please let Rich know if you what like to lead one of the Saturday hands-on sessions— great way to share your experiences with your fellow club members.
 - And yes, we will RESCHEDULE everything, from our wool dyeing session to our streamside trout class once we move the next level of re-opening
 - We are planning to expand our number and variety of fly fishing 101 sessions located streamside, riverside, pond-side or bay-side in the coming year so we can combined hands-on experiences with getting out fly fishing.
 - We are restarting our club sponsored outings this fall given we can fully practice social distancing while enjoying fellowship through fly fishing from a rod length away!
- Gary gave a report on the Club Outings including the Severn River Perch outing 8/31 and the two upcoming outings (Goodhands creek and Janes Island)
- John Rentch gave a report on the recent work at the clubhouse such as the painting, electrical repairs, and water system repairs. John also announced the next clubhouse work day which is October 17 and asked attendees to bring metal paint roller trays for painting the inside of the clubhouse. Bill Smith has volunteered to polish and wax the floor.
- Rich announced Cliff Young has stepped down as Publicity Chair and we need a replacement
- Tom Gooding gave a Treasurer's report and explained that a lot of the club treasury has gone to upkeep on the club house.
- Rich asked members to use some discretion in email usage such as sharing fly fishing related stories, but to try not to "reply all" on items that are only of interest to one or two people. He

also encouraged members to use the club website to post for sale items, similar to Craigs List items.

- Rich explained the need for a Club Liability Release Form and explained how we developed the new FSFF Club Liability Release Form, including its origin from Chesapeake Paddlers and its review by a local Attorney. He then asked for a vote by show of hands for moving forward with implementing it. The vote was unanimous to proceed with it. Rich explained it will be introduced to use as part of the dues renewal process.
- Mark Bange announced that the Club is looking to decorate the Club House walls with pictures of members on fishing trips similar to the pictures of Mark and Luis. Mark asked members not to send pictures in yet, but he'll send out a request for pictures later.
- Mark Bange introduced the Speaker for the evening which was Katlin Groundwater from her own Fishing and Guide Service, "Hook Set Fly Fishing". Katlin gave an outstanding presentation on common mistakes fly anglers make and how to overcome them, plus gave tips on fly selection, reading the water, and trout feeding habits.
- The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 PM.
- A door prize was awarded by having all the on-line attendees write down a number on a piece of paper between 1 and 50 and Rich also writing down a number. Gary Grey and Bill Smith each tied for being closest, so they split the two boxes of flies between them.