

Free State Fly Fishers Monthly Meeting

Minutes

February 3, 2021

~30 Attendees in Zoom meeting

Welcome New Members and Visitors

- Asked new members and any visitors to introduce themselves. None replied.

Fishing Reports:

- Has anyone Has Been Out Fishing Lately, Where, What They Caught and What Flies They Used: Jeff Bahr in WA went out for steelhead. Didn't catch any.
- Is anyone going in the next few weeks? No.

Door Prize Tonight

- Joe DeMeo described how tonight's door prize (box of flies) winner will be selected.

Upcoming Club Activities:

- Fly Tying: Rich Batiuk, Saturday Feb 6, Shad flies and Modified Girdlebug
- Hands On Sessions: Saturday, February 20, Joe Bruce, Bending Wire for Articulated connectors
 - Mount your bender on wood.
 - Will tie articulated crystal bugger.
 - Joe Bruce has 2 cams now for better viewing.
- Outings: Gary:
 - Ingram Pond, Has been canceled twice. Date TBD
 - Mike Mattia: February 15 (Pond TBD)
 - Trout: Duber Winters: Trout outing/coaching: March 13
 - Maybe Morgan Run?
 - Fully booked. A 2nd date will be announced.
 - Looking for someone to lead a Shad fishing trip to Deer Creek in late April
 - Joe Bruce will discuss further in his Hands-On Session 3/20/21: *Catching More Shad with Flies*
 - You can fish far upstream from the pump station or downstream.
 - Must Have "Release of Liability" form signed to go on an outing
- Beer Tie: Wednesday evening, February 24, 6:00 PM
- Fly Fishing for Trout virtual training: Thursday, Feb 25, 7:00 PM
 - Over all trout topics will be discussed - geared toward Spring fishing.
 - Prep for the 3/13 outing.

Club Treasurer's Report

- Tom: 712.90 in treasury.

Club Swap meet? Asked Club if there is interest in holding a swap meet this year. If we do it, because of Covid, it would have to be:

- Strictly an outdoor event—pick a date and if it is raining, reschedule it
- Club members only: not advertised outside like we normally do
- Move clubhouse tables outside for displaying items. Club house would not be open except for using bathroom
- Mark Bange suggested June or July.
- Frank Bowne suggested May.
- Ryan suggested PayPal or Venmo. Joe suggested cash.

Club Rockfish mount: Renovate or Retire?

- Luis is getting a renovation estimate: 350. – 375.?
- Spray it? Trash it? Photograph it? Wait till treasury is built back up?
- We'll table it for now.

Magothy River cleanup and count Yellow Perch egg sacs: Paul Spadaro, President, Magothy River Assoc.

- River between Lake Waterford Park and Catherine Ave
- Last year – 33 egg sacs and they disappeared in a day. Possible predation.
- This year – Enclose egg sacs in a DNR oyster cage.
- Need volunteers to scout spawning area: 3300 ft of stream.
- Pick up small trash items. Walk with a bucket.
- Measure water temps. Yellow perch need 6-12 C to spawn.
- Cut a small path along shoreline (County land).
- Try to video tape sacs.
- Are brook trout possible in this stretch?
- The County is required to protect County streams where anadromous fish like Yellow Perch spawn. This law requires the County to dredge Lake Waterford.
- The yellow perch go all the way up to the dam in full spawn.
- This Sunday – 2-4 volunteers to scout. Then go every third day, then second, then 1 day as temps warm.
- Plenty of parking at dam.
- Gary will send an email to the entire group.
- Meet at intersection of Catherine Ave and the river this Sun 2/7/21 1:00 to 2:00 pm
- Wear boots. Walk on bank. Bring bucket. Tie ribbon on tree if you see a sac.

Please Renew Your Club Memberships and Sign the Liability Release Form

- Frank: 48 paid 2021 members
 - The 2021 membership form with the club's liability release form are accessible via the club's web site
 - You can mail your complete club membership renewal application and your signed liability release form to Frank

Tonight's Meeting Presentation

- Our very own FSFF member, Tom Parham on Maryland Department of Natural Resources' *Click Before You Cast* Website

Raffle Winner: Rich Batiuk, who declined because he won last month. A second draw was made and Kristi Drake and Frank Lenik tied and each got a nice box of Joe DeMeo flies.