

FSFF Leadership Meeting

December 30, 2021

Summary of Discussions and Decisions

1. Welcome everyone (but I hate to be back on Zoom again)
2. **General Club Meetings review: How are they going? Any comments for improvements?**

The only issue we are facing is ensuring we can connect up the club laptop to the large screen smart TV in the front of the clubhouse in terms of club meeting presentations in a timely manner.

Recommendations:

- If needed, purchase a new club laptop.
- Write up a simple set of directions for how to connect a laptop to the smart TV both in terms of cable and connections on the back of the TV as well as using the remote to find the right input on the TV screen.
- Set up the club's white camera on a dedicated HDMI cable hooked up to the back of the TV and a separate dedicated HDMI cable for hooking up the club laptop.
- Label each of the cables and change the names on the large screen TV so when we are scrolling through menus on the screen, we know exactly what to look for. For example: with a menu options like "FSFF Laptop" and "FSFF Camera" so we will know to click on which menu option to show the club's laptop screen on the big screen TV versus bring the camera's image up on the TV.
- Set up all future fly tying sessions with the session leader sitting at the table up front next to the stage.
- Ensure we have all the correct adapters at the clubhouse for connecting in laptops and MacIntosh.

Action: Luis and Frank will team up to work through all the above.

Recommendation: When we are setting up the club meeting speaker with his or her own laptop or MacIntosh, ensure we are keeping our members engaged on a separate dialogue about where they have been fishing lately or other topics.

Recommendation: We should ask speaker to bring their presentation on the USB thumb drive so we can load the presentation up on the club's laptop which should be set up in advance of the meeting.

3. Major thought for this meeting: We have several club members carrying a heavy load of club activities (more than just one) which is not good for the health of the club. As we discuss the below topics, please think of and suggest other club members that aren't involved that would be good candidates for involvement.
4. Fly Tying Sessions:
 - a. Led sessions: How are they going?
 - i. Do we need to move the January fly tie to Zoom?
 - b. Unled (open) sessions: How are they going?
 - i. Should we cancel Jan 1 open fly tying session (due to Covid and inability to put on Zoom)?

Decision: Cancel the January 1st open fly tying session.

Decision: Promote the February 12 open fly tying session and keep an eye on the attendance at this session and future sessions to ensure we have the right level of participants to continue to schedule future open fly tying sessions.

Decision: Require the wearing of masks whenever in the clubhouse in response to the Anne Arundel County requirements for county properties starting with the January 8th fly tying session.

Action: Gary will send out an email to all club members letting them know about mask requirements.

5. Outings:
 - a. Our outing numbers per year are way down (used to be above 30, now below 10). To fix we have to have active recruitment. Let's identify several club members that are likely candidates to lead an outing and give the Outing Coordinator that list of names for him to contact.
 - i. Would like to increase both day trips and multi-day trips
 - b. Simple reminder to the Leadership Team: anyone, including guests, going on a FSFF outing must sign a waiver. This waiver only needs to be signed once. It is then stored in our file in the back room.

Recommendations: Gary listed a number of different club members who Duber could reach out to and talk about leading a specific outing for the club.

Action: Leadership Team members should share names of club members with their email addresses along with the names of places where they would be likely to lead an outing to fish with Duber who will then follow up with them individually.

Decision: Target a 50/50 split in terms of the number of outings scheduled for weekends and during the week over the course of a year.

6. Speaker Coordinator Position

- Open (Gary temporarily filling it). Who is a good candidate for this position?
- Speakers:
 - January: Frank Lenik--California trout fishing
 - February: John McMinn--Pike, Pickerel, and Muskie fishing on the fly--big ones
 - March: Maryland DNR Erik Zolokovitz--Striped Bass update and invasive species management
 - April: Wayne McMasters--Fly fishing guide in Tidewater, VA and opportunities there
 - May: Maryland DNR: Most likely Natural Resources Police and issues they face in fisheries management
- Hopefully Speakers are willing to continue with Zoom
- Need back-up Speakers with “canned” programs that can step in in case of a Speaker cancellation. This happened in November and almost happened again for January.

Decision: Ensure we have 3-4 presentations and the respective club members lined up to step in at the last minute to present at the club meeting in case of a last minute cancelation. Joe Bruce, Duber Winters, Mark Bange and Rich Batiuk are all willing to be on standby. Ensure each of them has their back up presentation already loaded up on the club’s laptop.

7. Publicity: How’s it going?

- a. Facetime and social media? Are we reaching where we need to be? Any suggestions?

Action: Gary Grey will reach out to Rich Gallena, Jr. to find out if he is interested in taking over our social media coordinator position from Luis Santiago. If Rich is interested, Luis will set him up with administrative privileges.

8. Website:

- a. Many thanks to Frank for addressing the problems of our outdated website and adding credit card payment capabilities and making it easier for new members to find the membership application and waiver
- b. “Contact Us”: clicking this link goes to fsffmd@gmail.com. Who receives this email?
- c. Any other website issues?

9. The June Casting Clinic was very successful (again). We decided at the last Leadership Team meeting to have three per year: the first Saturday in April (replacing the fly tie) + June meeting + second Saturday in October. Are we still good with this?

Clarification: The April casting clinic is scheduled for Saturday April 9th, not April 2nd.
Otherwise, the Leadership Team is fully supportive of continuing to schedule three casting clinics each year.

10. Treasury

- a. Bill Smith, Frank Bowne and Gary have a meeting scheduled with BBT Bank 1/5/22 to remove Mark Jacob's name from the club account signature authority and add Bill's. Following that meeting with the Bank, we are meeting at the clubhouse with Mark Jacobs to perform the "End of Year" audit and turn records over to Bill
- b. Need to know annual fixed expenses, ie, sum of all mandatory expenses such as FFI dues + insurance costs + US Mail P.O. box fee + ???
- c. Then can decide on donation amounts such as Riverkeeper donations
- d. New club laptop?

11. May Swap Meet and fly gear:

- a. Second Saturday in May with third as rain date

Decisions: Cancel the Saturday May 7 member led fly tying session; change the date for the May Swap Meet to Saturday, May 7 with a rain date for Saturday May, 14; reschedule the Saturday Hands-on Session (Joe DeMeo Tying Double Barrel Popper) originally scheduled for May 21 to some other date still to be determined, and schedule the Trap Pond outing for Saturday, May 21.

12. Movie nights? How are they going?

13. Beer ties? How are they going?

14. Holiday Party/dinner: Comments?

Decision: Continue to hold the Holiday Party at Mike's Crab House Restaurant.

Action: Need to ensure the restaurant manager has informed the wait staff in advance about the different prices for each meal so the combined bill at the end of the party can be compiled easily for payment by credit card by the club president.

15. Plans for Club Sponsored carpooling to 2022 Lancaster and New Jersey Fly Fishing Shows?

Decision: Cancel the planned carpooling to the 2022 New Jersey Fly Fishing Show for Friday January 28th due to Covid.

Action: Look out for whether other fly fishing shows or fishing shows which the club has had a table at in the past have been canceled or rescheduled.

16. Upcoming Activities: In person vs. Zoom?

a. How long? How far? What activities to Zoom?

Decision: The January and February club meetings are scheduled to take place via Zoom, with all other club events continuing to be held in person with all participants required to wear masks while in the clubhouse.

Action: For future announcements for club sponsored events, we should also encourage members to bring their kids and grandkids as well.

17. Zoom Account taken over by Gary

18. DFRC news/update?