

Free State Fly Fishers Monthly Meeting

Minutes

November 1, 2023

Attendance: Full House

Welcome

- New Members and Visitors
 - o Stephen Poe renewed after many years absent. He attended the recent Aquatic Insects workshop and was most impressed.

Fishing Reports:

Tim Ruthmeyer

- o S. Branch, Moorefield, WV
- o CO Canal Cumberland, MD Bluegills
- o Camp Harding, Licking Cr.
- o Beaver Cr FF Store – new management

Gary Grey

- Savage Mill – Many Browns, no catches

John Rentch

Jacks Cr – Striper on Murdich Minnow

Door Prize Tonight

Panfish flies and 5/6 reel

50/50 Prize Tonight

Half the cash and 12 clousers

Report on Previous Months Activities:

- Fly Ties: Murdock Minnow—Harry Steiner
Went well
- Casting clinic
Went well
- Hands on: Andy Grosko, Aquatic Invertebrates
Went well

Upcoming Club Activities:

- Holiday Party Dec 6, 2023: Don Vance is accepting checks or order online. Frank Bowne will send out an email on how to order online.
- Next Month's speaker: None, Holiday Party instead.
- Member Led Fly Tying Session Saturday, 11/4
- Hands On Sessions: Nov 18: Duber Winters *Planning for and going on Fly Fishing trips with Guides*. Duber is a former guide for Orvis in FL and VA.

Holiday Party Raffle: We need a Christmas Party Raffle Leader: Jack Prouty has said he can't lead the Holiday Party raffle this year, so we need a substitute quickly. Anyone have any suggestions?

Announcements (Gary):

Election of 2024 Officers: Elected unanimously by a show of hands:

- President: Duber Winters
- Treas.: Bill Smith
- First Vice President: **Vacant**
- Second Vice President: Luis Santiago
- Secretary: Frank Bowne
- Member at Large: Ryan Harvey
- Director 1: Gary Grey
- Director 2: Mike Mattia

Club Treasurer's Report: (Bill): \$5105.70

Tonight's Meeting Presentation: *A Virtual Fly Fishing Tour of Maryland and Delaware Eastern Shore Ponds* with John Rentch, Mark Bange and Larry Oakey. Was also supposed to include Mike Mattia but he has been in the hospital and should be back. Jan. Get well Mike!

Door Prize Tonight's Winners

Panfish flies and 5/6 reel: Winners: Gary Grey, Don Cochran and an unnamed gentleman

50/50 Prize Tonight's Winner

Half the cash and 12 clousers. Winner: Rich Batiuk