

Susquehannock Fly Fishers, Inc.

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Minutes of the October 8th 2024 Monthly Membership Meeting

Held at the Myerstown Rod & Gun Club

(Draft to be read, and corrected/approved at the November 12th, 2024 meeting)

Presiding Chair - President Chip Templin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and welcomed a guest, Jeff Bevan, to our meeting. Jeff was a Pennsylvania fishing guide, so he's a good source of information about local streams and fishing techniques. Chip then called for the Secretary and Treasurer's reports.

- Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports -

Secretary's Report - Phil Heagy read the minutes of the September 10th, 2024 members meeting. No comments or questions occurred, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the attending members.

Treasurer's Report - Phil read the report for October 4th, 2024. No questions or comments were forthcoming, and the report will be filed for audit.

- Committee Reports on Past and Ongoing Activities -

Stream Committee - Dean Dochterman reported that a stocking of 100 brown trout would take place at Elmer's Derr's on October 23rd. He estimates that about fifty fish may remain from the last hundred we stocked. Andy Olearczyk reported that the water level in the stream was very low. Chip noted reports that the level in the Yellow Breeches also is low, but it seemed fine to him when he fished it.

- Other Items -

SFF Yellow Breeches Trip and Future Excursions - Chip reported that Saturday was a beautiful day on the Breeches even though the trout didn't cooperate. Tricos were in the air but nobody saw them land on the water. Chip then asked for potential trip suggestions; Vice President Kris Hepler mentioned that a trout stocking of the Tulpehocken Delayed Harvest section was coming up. Dean said he would be interested in trips for shad or stripers, and Chip would also be interested in an overnight trip to the shore.

SFF Retail Products - Chip displayed the old- and current examples of Susquehannock fishing hats, noting that we also have a stock of available Susquehannock patches. A motion was approved to purchase a dozen additional hats for our selling stock.

Picnic - Kirby offered the club the same date as last year for our next picnic, and this was accepted by the attending members and officers.

Banquet - Committee Chair Joe Szewczak, investigating possible new banquet arrangements, reported that the rental fee for the Schaefferstown Fire Hall would be around \$400.00. However, most of the desirable dates for our purposes have been taken, and Schaefferstown has been very lax in

returning Joe's calls. Joe also contacted Heisey's Diner. The per-dinner price, including beer, is \$19.00. Joe said that the food quality at Heisey's was good, and the facility is spacious. Chip noted that a Saturday rental at Hebron Fire Hall was \$600, while the rental for Sunday through Friday was \$300. Our desired date is March 8th. The issue of raffle table prizes came up next. Joe noted that it's desirable to have restaurants donate dining certificates, as many ladies attend our Banquet.

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SFF Rod/Reel Storage and Maintenance – Chip brought up the fact of rods and reels being stored at the IWLA Pond. As far as Chip knew, these are our rods and reels. The owner of this tackle is debatable but not a huge issue; the bigger challenge is the need to overhaul and upgrade this equipment, particularly by the purchasing of new reels. Joe noted also that the existing monofilament in our reels is also old and needs replacing. A motion was made and approved to purchase a dozen closed-faced spinning reels.

Stream Chatter – Chip opened a discussion by asking what the minimum amount of tackle is, apart from rods and reels, that members have on themselves when fly fishing. The answers included everything from the basic fly boxes and extra leaders to paper towels and magnifying eyeglasses. The various advantages of vests, sling packs, waist packs and back packs were also bandied about.

Door Prizes – Drawn by Kris, winners of this month's hand-tied flies were Chip, and Luke Gaidos.

Next Meeting - The next member meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 7:00pm, this same location.

Adjournment - There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Heagy, Secretary

Members in attendance: Jason Chernich, Dean Dochterman, George Dodson, Luke Gaidos, Mike Gaidos, Kirby Keller, Mike Krepps, Andy Olearczyk, Gary Robson, Jeff Sherk, Charles Stoner, Joe Szweczak, Chip Templin, Phil Heagy, and Kris Hepler.
Guest: Jeff Bevan