

March 2022 Newsletter

The Tight Loop

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Antietam Fly Anglers Zoom Meeting Minutes 2/17/22

Attendance

Attendance was taken; 16 people attended the remote meeting.

(Bill Ruland, Frank Morrissey, Ken Oldham, Doug Hutzell, Walt Lachenmayr, Scott Robinson, Bob Davis, Ned Strange, Don Fine, Noel Gollehon, Lane Thurgood, Pat Brezler, Chuck Abbott, Doug Hutzell, Mike Saylor and John Hershey)

Minutes

Minutes were read; a motion was made to approve the minutes as read; a clarification was requested regarding Bill's participation at the Lancaster Fly Show; Bill will be representing AFA at the Chesapeake Council Booth and not his table. The correction was noted. A vote was held and the minutes were approved as amended.

Financial Report

Walt Lackenmayr, Treasurer, advised that Post Office Box is costing \$156 per year and AFA does not receive enough mail to justify the expenditure. Walt felt that if a member could use their address to receive AFA's mail, a substantial charge could be avoided. A volunteer was requested and since no one stepped up, Bill reluctantly agreed to accept the responsibility. Walt is to close the P.O. Box in Hagerstown and advise FFI of the address change. Walt is preparing the AFA's Annual Report to submit to FFI Headquarters. Bob recalled having to file with IRS as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Bill advised that since AFA is a charter club within FFI, FFI prepares and submits IRS documents; hence the need to submit the annual report.

Calendar Year Discussions:

Rendezvous (April/May)

The Rendezvous will be held at River Bottom Park on April 30, 2022. Bob and Dave are preparing a flier for the event. There will be a \$20 entrance fee for members and \$25 fee for non-members. Bill would like to have the fliers available to take to the Lancaster Fly Show on starting March 5. Scott is to bring credit card processing equipment. Bill suggested giving a container of flies to each participant. Flies will be provided by some of the members and Beaver Creek Fly Shop (Precision) will like provide flies also. A drawing will be held for a \$100 gift certificate provided by Beaver Creek Fly Shop (Precision Fly and Tackle).

AFA Picnic (in June, date TBD)

Doug investigated the availability of the pavilion at Devil's Backbone Park on Saturdays in June. The Pavilion is available for rent on most Saturdays at a cost of \$60.

Overnight Trip Suggestions:

Feathered Hook (May)

Bill has scheduled a stay at the Feathered Hook on May 1 and 2. Others are invited to register and join him on those dates. Once it is determined who is going, carpooling and other planning measures can be arranged.

Harmon's Lodge in West Virginia

Scott investigated availability of the lodge; the lodge is fully booked through 2022. For 2023 registration, the lodge would need to be booked by September this year.

Day Trip Suggestion:

Potomac Float:

Bob and Quincy usually float the Potomac annually. Others can join in; no date has been determined.

AFA March Meeting March 17

Presentation will be given on the operations at the Albert Powell Hatchery. It has not been determined whether the meeting will be virtual or in person.

Program Ideas

Spay casting. Chuck Abbott volunteered to discuss spay casting. Dave Fulton could be another source.

Lefty Kreh Memorial

Don Fine could give a presentation on the proposed memorial. A sculpture of Lefty is proposed to be erected in Baker Park. Fund raising is currently taking place. Don Fine is to provide a website where donations can be made.

From the President:

As we approach the opening days of trout fishing in both Maryland and Pennsylvania, and the lovely times that accompany our sport, we are also thinking about other, more ominous happenings half way around the world. It reminds me of the polarity of our lives, that sometimes we can't choose the cards we are dealt, that we need to enjoy our sport and be watchful and wary of what comes next, and to deal with both with the same equanimity. Stay well, my fly fishing friends.

Ken Oldham, our current secretary, has done a yeoman's job as usual preparing the meeting minutes, which he has done for over two years. Unfortunately, Ken has submitted his resignation, effective immediately, to spend all his time and energy to care for his wife. Accordingly, I'm looking for someone to step forward to volunteer to fill the secretary position. Thanks in advance for considering it.

Recently I helped TU, Falling Spring chapter, with replacement planting on Falling Spring near Chambersburg, PA. They were working with Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to replant in places where the trees died. See <https://www.allianceforthebay.org/project/riparian-rangers-2/> I've been in contact with them to see what we can do in our area. I'll try to have a speaker for the Fall.

Here's a freebie. David Folkerts, a member of the board of the Chesapeake Council—it's the council that AFA is in—shared this link with us for a fly proportion chart. <http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com/skip-morris-trout-fly-proportion-chart.html>

Bill

AFA information:

Just a reminder.

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fly shops:**

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Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333

White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

The Feathered Hook Fly Shop 814-349-8757

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