



Penobscot Fly Fishers NEWSLETTER

May 2009

President's Notes

I cannot start this newsletter without taking time to eulogize Marcus Hale. I met Marcus back in the 1980's while a member of Trout Unlimited.

He was their treasurer and oversaw the summer programs that the club participated in at the Conservation Camp at Greenland Point. He worked

with the scouts and other youth organizations. His tenure with the Penobscot Fly Fishers mirrored his desire to educate our youth with fly tying casting and conservation. He was our lead person for ten years as club treasurer and director of summer programs at the Conservation Camp. He got the volunteers together to teach classes at the camp and just last

summer he led a group to teach adults that were attending the Conservation Camp at Greenland Point. A couple months ago one of our board members

suggested that we name our annual scholarship to the Conservation Camp the "Marcus Hale Scholarship." It is fitting that our scholarship will

carry on in perpetuity with his name. He will be dearly missed by his close fishing companions and those who worked with him through the club.

The much needed rain fell a little late for the Kenduskeag Canoe race. It will give the local fire departments a rest as the fields turn green. The brooks and streams were just about right before the recent rain but the spring run-off has been gradual this year which was beneficial to most. If you had a chance to read the April edition of the Northwoods Sporting Journal, the article under the "Navigator" by Randy McEwen was about Cabin Fever Reliever. I cannot recall anyone writing such a complementary article about the Penobscot Fly Fishers and Cabin Fever Reliever. The newspaper reaches 48 states and Canada. Thank you Mr. McEwen and to all the volunteers that made the event a success.

The guest speaker for the May 6th meeting will be Kevin Simon, a stream entomologist from the University of Maine. There will be information in this newsletter about the May 9th club outing at Green Lake. We are working with the Penobscot County Conservation Association on participating in their Family Field Day to be held on June 20th at their facility in Brewer. There could be as many as ten organizations involved for the day of activities and cookout.

By the time we meet in May the landscape should be peppered with dandelions, a sure sign of spring. Lawn mowing is just a few weeks away. I have not heard many fish stories. There will be plenty around the dinner tables in May.

Alan Gray, President

PFF Fly Fishing Tournament

Sunday, June 21, 2009

The annual Father's Day Fly Fishing Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2009 on the Penobscot River at the South

Lincoln boat launch. The tournament will begin at 8 am and end at noon. There will be a short awards ceremony at noon. This is a catch and release tournament. The entry fee is \$10 and there must be a PFF member in each boat. There can only be 2 people fishing in the boat at a time. The winner will be determined by the total length of the best 5 legal fish in each boat. If you have a boat and no partner or are a fisher looking for a boat, please contact Don Corey (don@annikarodandfly.com) to see if we can "hook" people up. Following the tournament participants and anyone else are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the boat landing. There are picnic tables, a large grassy area and porta potties. There were grills there in years past (bring your own charcoal).

Green Lake Outing

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Club member Bud Farwell has offered to host a club outing at Green Lake on Saturday, May 9, 2009. Here is the info that Bud sent us regarding the outing:

Two bathrooms available at camp. Dock may be in if ground is firm. Dock can accommodate 4-5

boats, neighbor's beach 3-4 more. If we use the sand bar 3/4 mile from camp, no bathroom, but all kinds of beaching room. Boat launches at Ellsworth town landing on Nicolin Road, off Rte 1A in Ellsworth, Jenkins' Beach (\$5), one mile in on Green Lake Road in Dedham, or Violette's Landing (\$5), 3.5 miles in on Green Lake Rd. Ellsworth landing is best bet if we don't overwhelm the parking, but I have a call in to Joe Jenkins to see if we could meet/launch there for a nominal fee. Bud can be reached at 207-944-5869.

Directions to camp:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=108715904104161815081.00046412249d76bae9d16&z=13>

. Green Lake is on pp. 23 & 23 of the MAG. Ellsworth landing is on Nicolin Rd. which intersects Rte 1A on the left, 16 miles SE of the intersection of Rte 1A/I-395 in Holden. My camp is slightly left of straight across (050 degrees Mag North, 2/3 mile) and will be flying a US flag. Jenkins Beach: From Rte 1A/I-395, 11 miles to Green Lake Rd. on left, thence 1 mile to Jenkins Beach.

Violettes Landing: Continue past Jenkins Beach 1.3 mi to fork in road, bear right to remain on Green Lake Road, continue 1.4 mi to The Landing. Bud's Camp: Continue past Violettes to a circle, keep left to bypass the circle and enter Scotts Neck Way, then note street sign on right to confirm. Continue 1.3 miles (across causeway, up/down big hill) to my driveway (Sign says FARWELL). Camp is at bottom of driveway, parking for 6-8 cars.

If the road stays as good as it is now I would welcome people coming directly to my camp. No boat launch, but beach boarding possible & non-fishers could hang out, use gas grill, play cards etc.

Penobscot Fly Fishes
Board of Directors Minutes
April 15, 2009

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Gray at 6:13 pm

Attendance

Officers present – Ernie MacDonald (EM), Bob Blatz (BB), Hank Metcalf (HM), Rob Dunnnett (RD), Alan Gray (AG), Ron Carr (RC), and Don Corey (DC)

Members present – Zack Dunnnett (ZD) and Joe Bertolaccini (JB)

Secretary's Report

The Secretary was absent and no report was given

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer forgot the report so no report was given.

Old Business

Club CDs

EM – Recommends putting another \$2,000 into a CD and combining 2 - \$1,000 CDs into one \$2,000 CD.

RD – Do we want to look at other banks?

JB – Bank of America or iBond?

Donation to Bangor Nature Club

MOTION - Motion to donate \$25 to Bangor Nature Club for use of microphone/pa system at Sportsmen Show (AG)

Second (DC)

Discussion – None

Vote – Unanimous approval

PCCA field day

AG – Went to Penobscot County Conservation Association monthly dinner meeting in April. Woody Higgins is trying to put together an outdoor activity day at the PCCA clubhouse on Saturday, June 20 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. There will be several other clubs presenting.

DC – Good idea. With others participating we won't need to take the lead and develop the program.

RD – Will it involve fishing with "live ammo" in the pond? Will we need canoes?

MOTION – Motion to participate in the PCCA field day on Saturday June 20 (DC)

SECOND (EM)

VOTE – Unanimous approval

Green Lake/Farwell outing

AG – Talked with Bud Farwell and we are on for an outing at Green Lake on Saturday, May 9 at Bud's camp.

RD – How is the boat launch at Green?

EM – We should contact the insurance company about these types of events to find out how we need to communicate this to them in the future.

DC – Maybe Mike should contact the insurance company. Someone should write something up for the newsletter. Who will contact Bud for more info?

AG – Will contact Bud and write something for the newsletter.

June speaker

AG – We need a speaker for the June meeting

EM – Possibly Steve Campbell

DC – We need to try to continue to get a good mix of speakers for the meetings.

JB – We have had some great speakers

Fly Fishing Tournament

Sunday, June 21, 2009 (Fathers Day)

Fishing from 8 am to noon

Awards ceremony at 12:30 pm

Fly fishing only

\$10 fee per boat

2 fishers per boat at a time

Lunch to follow (everyone is on their own for lunch)

Porta-pottys available

Picnic tables

Excellent boat launch

Good parking

DC – Will get in touch with DIFW about license. People without a boat or people with a boat and no partner can contact Don Corey.

May Directors meeting

RD – May Directors meeting will be at the PCCA clubhouse, correct?

EM – Yes

AG – Won't be in attendance for the May or June meetings

Summer meetings

DC – Are we going to have monthly dinner meetings during the summer?

AG – We met in July and August last year.

MOTION – Motion to not have a monthly dinner meeting on August 5, 2009

SECOND RC

VOTE – Unanimous approval

FFF DVDs

EM – Don, did you contact FFF regarding purchasing the FFF series of DVDs. The funds were approved at the April meeting.

DC – No, I will contact them.

PFF 2010 Budget

Ernie handed out revised budgets for review. Officers looked over the revised budget.

EM – The shaded grey areas are changes from the last version.

DC – Where do we go from here?

EM – Present at the next monthly meeting.

HM – The current bylaws make no reference to the budget being approved by the general membership. This probably should be changed.

DC – Definitely.

MOTION – Motion to approve and present the budget to the general membership at the May meeting for their approval.

SECOND RD

VOTE – Unanimous approval

DC – We should get this to the members for review prior to the meeting. It could be mailed with the newsletters.

RD – It could be attached to an email to the members getting the newsletter on the website.

By-law changes

HM – The proposed by-law changes will reflect what we are doing with this budget process. The by-law committee has not met in a

while. There is a recommendation to reduce the Board by 3 members.

EM – According to our charter, we need 11 officers. The charter could be changed if needed.

HM – Are there other restrictions in the charter?

EM – Only the current board members were listed. A 501c3 needs 11 board members. What is the reason to reduce the size?

HM – The number of officers for a club our size is relatively large compared to the membership.

DC – We could eliminate the 2nd VP and Assistant Treasurer and still be at 11.

RD – Many clubs don't have an Assistant Treasurer.

HM – We have some long range goals to develop a policy book. This would include job descriptions for each of the officers of the club. It is important for people considering a position in the club to know what the responsibilities/duties are.

Hank handed out a treasurer's job description from another club for review. This was strictly food for thought.

DC – If we were going to change the number of officers this would be a good time as the officers term are expiring in December 2009.

RD – The secretary should maintain the membership list.

EM – The secretary handles club correspondences.

BB – The treasurer does internal correspondences and the secretary does external correspondences.

EM – Not really, though the money comes to the Treasurer to update who has paid their dues.

JB – Money to the Treasurer to post payments then the info is given to the Secretary.

AG – Secretary should give out membership cards.

JB – In the old days, the Secretary got the checks and gave them to the Treasurer. Checks should go directly to the Treasurer.

EM – Just let me know how it needs to be done. Mike is correct that there is a duplication of duties maintaining membership lists in 2 areas.

RD – Bucks Mills isn't perfect but the Secretary does all correspondences and the newsletter. The Treasurer collects the dues and signs the membership cards.

DC – We need to have the by-laws reflect what we do regarding this process.

EM – Mike has expressed concerns as to the proper application of the bylaws regarding membership which should be clarified.

HM – The proposed by-law changes have a change in the responsibility for maintaining membership list from the Secretary to the Treasurer. We are continuing to work on the by-laws.

New Business

May Directors meeting

AG – We need to commit to the number attending the May Directors meeting so the PCCA can plan on meals.

EM – Mike is talking to the PCCA about meal options.

AG – Will contact Woody about the May Directors meeting

Decorum at meetings/events

There was considerable discussion regarding the decorum/language at club events, especially at the Saltwater fly tying class. Many club members have voiced their displeasure with the language. Many found it embarrassing. A letter will be drafted for review. It will then be sent to the parties involved.

Winston rod raffle

RD – We have sold \$558 worth of raffle tickets to date. The winner will be drawn at the May 6 monthly dinner meeting. 8 month raffles are too much.

Folk Festival

JB – All the booths have been taken for the 2009 Folk Festival. So even if we wanted to, we could not participate this year. For future reference, a booth with 2 tables is \$325.