

# Ashokan / Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Rick Little author of Shadcreek Flies

## Chapter Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021

### Present were:

Rick L., Tony C, Ed O, Russel Martin, Vic L, Jody H, Thom F, Mark L, Chris H, Mitch K, Kemp, Mike, Chet K

7:10 Mark L called the meeting to order.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Mark indicated that the chapter minutes were posted on the website and could be accessed there if desired. Mark went on to ask if this was a satisfactory way of providing the minutes.

**Motion** to accept that presentation method was made by Tony C, seconded by Thom F, motion passed.

**Financial Report for March:** Jody H reported an “**Operating Balance on 3/01/21 of \$11,969.88**”, income amounted to \$150.00 and there were expenses of \$25.00. Factoring these and adding the \$787.68 in the Conservation Fund, brought the “**Total Cash Assets on 3/31/2021 came to: \$12,882.68.**”

**Acid Rain Report for January:** Jody H reported that there were **7 storms**, sleet and snow totaling **0.6** inches, equaling a **total liquid amount of 3.59**, with a total weighted average **pH of 5.8**.

### New Business:

**Mark** asked if **Jody** got the \$150.00. check for the chapter insurance he answered yes, Mark L indicated that he had the **Chapter Projector**, **Jody** indicated that **Tracy Brown** was in possession of the temperature loggers. **Tracy** had indicated that they would be available to be used by approved operators of same.

**Mark L** mentioned that “**Premier Holdings**” had withdrawn their application for a pump storage facility that the Chapter saw as disastrous for the area and Chapter members fought diligently, on record, for the disallowance of the project. This was seen as a major victory for the **Chapter**, surrounding communities, and the Catskills. **Mark** thanked everyone that wrote letters to the FERC and other entities in protest of the project. Mark went on to mention the **Press Conference** attended by **Senator Michelle Hinchey**. Our **Chapter** was represented by **Mark L** and **Jody H**.

**Tony C** suggested an in-person fund raiser in the fall. **Chris H** when asked, added that the owners of the **Emerson** he believed, were planning to use the **Catamount** principally as a restaurant, rather than merely an event venue. The **Emmerson** facilities presumably would be serving little at the **Woodnotes Grille**, rather, having people staying at the **Emmerson** dine at the **Catamount** if they wished. **Chris H** indicated that he would investigate opportunities for our **Chapter** that this change might create.

**Tony C** questioned the **legality of private property postings** on **Cold Brook Road** and suggested that someone from our chapter investigate that as well.

**AWSMP Meeting:** Mark mentioned that the program was financed by the NYC DEC and that there was a zoom meeting to be held on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. One of the committees in that group is The **Access and Recreation Committee** chaired by **Mark L** with **Tony C** and **Ed O** as committee members. **Mark L** having no more business requested went on to introduce **Rick Little** who was the meeting's speaker.

**Rick Little & his book titled: "Fly Fishing in Maine is Wicked Fun."** Rick first explained that the title derived from a common **Maine** colloquial **Wicked**, meaning great, extreme, etc...

**Rick** went on to provide a little of his background: His growing up in Marblehead MA doing drop line fishing and his introduction to fly fishing in college at the **University of Maine**, where he also took up fly tying. It apparently became such a preoccupation that, on his wife's suggestion/insistence, he started selling flies and going to shows and his business named: **"Shadcreek Flies"** grew rapidly thereafter.

**Rick** after some travel settled in **Hampstead, ME where he lives**, consequently **he** was an avid **Maine** fisherman. With slides he took us through several different areas in **Maine**, explaining the species and quality of fishing to be had in each are, as well as recommended means of access to most.

**Rick** indicated that for the fly fisherman **Maine** offered: **Brook Trout** (often unusually large), **Brown Trout**, and **Salmon**. He showed slides of examples of famous flies originated in these areas, as well as his own lovely imitations.

**Rick's** presentation was delightful and quite thorough, it seemed. As a result, it is all but impossible to describe herein. The best and most rewarding results could be afforded by picking up a copy of his book and enjoying his narratives by reading it.

Again, it's titled: **"Fly Fishing In Maine Is Wicked Fun"** by **Rick Little** of **"Shadcreek Flies"**.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thos. Nathan Frankel

**Next Chapter Meeting: May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on zoom.**

The topic is to be: A virtual tour of **"Mysterious Stone Sites"** (in the Hudson valley of New York and Northern New Jersey) by **Linda Zimmermann**.