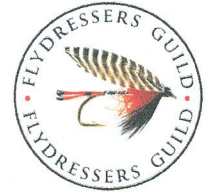


TVFDG AGM 14th December 2017
Flowerpot PH
Aston, Nr Henley-on-Thames, Berkshire.



Present:

Geoff Wilcox (Chairman)
Richard Ellis (Treasurer)
John Watkins (Secretary)
Peter Watson (Senior Instructor)
John Alcock (Web Manager)
Richard Elbro
Roger Tribe
Peter Huggard
Philip Mann
Richard Logan
David Jennings

Apologies for absence received from Charles Lowe, Richard Bird and John Kendrick-Hurst.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and kicked off proceedings at 7:35.

Minutes of previous meeting.

The Secretary had previously referred members to the website for a copy of the 2016 minutes and they were accepted as a true record of the 2016 AGM.

Proposed : Richard Elbro

Seconded : Richard Ellis

Matters arising.

No matters arising from previous minutes.

Chairman's Report.

Geoff said some heartfelt and very pleasant words about the branch and its committee and members. He mentioned The Chairman's Upwing Trophy, details of which are on the website and wished all members best wishes for the coming year.

Full report attached.

Treasurer's Report.

Richard provided a balance sheet and it was decided that no subs were required at present.

Accounts attached.

Accounts proposed accepted: David Jennings

Seconded: Roger Tribe

Secretary's Report.

See attached.

Instructors Report.

Peter emphasised that as a club we need to be seeking new members. We have 2 new members this year but we should be endeavouring to swell our ranks further. See AOB.

Also he considered that the program may be getting a little stale but the general consensus was that it is well structured for the Awards Scheme as it stands at present.

Peter also praised our members who have been tying at the various shows including the BFFI, the shows across the South and as far afield as Ireland.

For full report see attached.

Web Managers Report.

John reported that the website was still receiving plenty of hits. He welcomed any ideas for content and possible links to other sites. Also that any input from members mainly with regards to fishing trips publishing their own patterns would be welcomed.

Election of Officers.

All officers intimated that they were happy to go or stand again as required. With no objections or nominations they were re-elected on block.

Proposed. Richard Elbro

Seconded. Peter Huggard

AOB.

- Suggestions. - Peter said to let him know of any program suggestions, patterns, outings or demonstrations, between now and the summer recess.
- As an aid to recruitment David Jennings suggested preparing a promotional article on TVFDG in one of Fly Fishing magazines and agreed to give it some thought.
- The Secretary stated that Data Management will be a major topic during 2018. Also that since taking over as Secretary he only holds email addresses of all members, very few phone numbers and even less addresses. Going forward all emails will be sent blind copy. HQ will be making a statement for branches to comply with later in the year so watch this space.
- Peter Huggard offered a vote of thanks to the officers of the branch for keeping it running so smoothly.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM at 8:10

Chairman's Report 2017:

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending the 2017 AGM.

Once again congratulations. We continue on an upward trend and increase our attendance, achieved in no small part by the warm welcome which is extended to all who make the effort to come along.

I have put on record the sense of pride and friendship that prevails in the branch, promoted by the key members who continue to work hard to create such a vibrant and successful branch.

It takes time and effort to make things work, arranging trips, creating a diary of events, and adjustments to the syllabus for the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, making arrangements and collecting information for the website and gathering fly tying materials, so we can all enjoy our hobby.

The result of all this effort is a vibrant growing group of members who have achieved awards and reached their goals this year.

Well done to the Flowerpot Men who achieved runner up in the national team awards: Richard Bird, Paul Lawrence, Roger Tribe & John Watkins.

Congratulations to Phil Mann runner up in Novice Trout.

Congratulations to Peter Huggard as winner of the Open Salmon.

Congratulations also to Phil Mann winner of the 2017 Up Wing Trophy. Phil enjoyed his prize of a days Chalk Stream Flyfishing with yours truly on my stretch of the River Avon.



I congratulate all who have received accreditation awards or are working hard towards them.

I know you will need little encouragement from me to maintain your competitive edge, keep up the good work and have fun while you do it.

I wish to remind members that the Chairmans 'Up Wing Trophy' begins again in December thru to April 2018 and you are all invited to compete.

The 2018 pattern is the Rhithrogena germanica.

The 3 life stages of the 'March Brown' The details are on the website.

In 2017 we celebrated our 25th anniversary and we celebrated well. We look forward to receiving any suggestions as to how we all may continue to enjoy our social events and please let us know of any new ideas for events you wish to see introduced throughout the year.

I would like to end by saying it gives me pleasure, to see everyone enjoying the social side of our branch, the camaraderie and simple sharing of the pleasures of fly dressing, not to mention catching fish!!

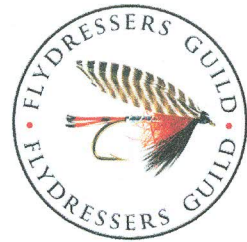
Geoff

Chairman



Thames Valley Fly Dressers Guild			
Income and Expenditure for 08 December 2016 to 14 December 2017			
Accounting year 20016/2017			
Presented by S R Ellis Treasurer			
Brought Forward		£	
Nationwide BS		191.77	
Cash		0.00	
Income			
Subscriptions		170.00	
Merchandise		5.00	
Interest (BS net)	31-Dec-16	0.29	
Interest (BS net)	30-Jun-16	0.09	
Total Income		175.38	
Expenditure			
Website		87.10	
Trophy		19.90	
Refreshments		0.00	
Total Expenditure		107.00	
Balance		260.15	
Available as			
Nationwide BS		260.15	
Cash		0.00	
Nationwide BS account 0796/704010761			
In my opinion this unaudited income and expenditure account and statement of assets for the period 08 Dec 2016 to 14 Dec 2017 gives a true record for the branch.			
S R Ellis		G Wilcox	
Treasurer		Chairman	
14-Dec-17			





Secretaries Report 2016/2017

The Thames Valley annual tying competition took place immediately after the 2016 AGM. There were 2 entries only in each of 3 categories. Bronze, Gold and Salmon (A new class for 2016). The close competition was won by Richard Bird in the Gold category, David Jennings in the Bronze category and Peter Huggard in the Salmon.

All communication from HQ and other sources is forwarded to branch members immediately. This includes auctions, fishing and tying competitions, forthcoming events, and the Sussex branch newsletter. (Chris Sandford's 'Stuff' has been quiet for a while).

Note: If any members receive information they think would be interesting to other members they are welcome to forward it to me for circulation or to John for the website, or just circulate it yourself.

Attendance at meetings fluctuates slightly but we are maintaining a good core of regulars and average around 12 at meetings. 2 new members, Charles Lowe joined us this tying season and is starting from scratch, Richard Logan is a competent tyer who joined us later last year.

The Website continues to be ably run by John A and is proving to be a useful way of circulating information to members and visitors alike. So don't forget, if you've anything to say, a fishing trip to report on, tips or patterns you'd like to share, just send your words/photographs along to John.

I've not reported on details of awards and trips as they will be covered by Peter in his report.

In the summer Paul and I achieved our Angling Trust Level 1 Coaching qualifications at Moreton College near Northampton.

John Alcock and I attended the AGM at Lechlade and fished the bank competition afterwards, (for a while). The main point of note from the AGM was data management which I've added as a topic to AOB.

Thames Valley Fly Dressers Guild Branch**Instructor's Report to AGM 2017 at mid-point of 2017-18 Season****Overview of Meetings**

We have had a steady 12-15 members each evening since the last AGM, with tyers spread over beginners / Bronze, intermediate / Silver, experts / Gold, Salmon, Stillwater and some social / angling tyers. It has been great to see so many actively competent tyers and the progress and the improvement made by all.

We have continued the popular 10-minute demonstration at 9pm each meeting. Volunteers very welcome!

New Members

We are always delighted to welcome newcomers to our Branch –beginners, novices, and experienced tyers. Please do ask your angling colleagues if they would like to come and join us. All are welcome

Awards Scheme Progress

Below is my record of our Branch Members regarding who has achieved a milestone this year. Please let me know if I have omitted any name or any detail is incorrect!

Bronze Level

Achieved: Phil Mann

Grayling

Achieved: Richard Bird

Our tyers have shown themselves more than capable of completing a Bronze, Silver or Gold level course within our tying season of September to March.

Asking for Instruction and solving problems

All our instructors are there to answer questions and solve tying problems. Please do ask if you need a demonstration, or explanation. The Instructors have over 100 years of fly tying experience between them!

FDG Tying Competition

Many thanks to all who submitted flies for the Thames Valley Branch Fly Tying Competition.

I strongly encourage all the competitors to take feedback and then enter their patterns in the appropriate class of the national FDG Fly Tying Competition. You are all more than capable of winning!

Surplus Materials

We all have stacks of 'surplus' fly tying materials – if you need something, do ask before buying - it is probably available for free, especially materials for fishing rather than presentation flies.

Shows – for Recruiting

We've had members tying flies at the BFFI Show, the SportFish Fly Fishing Show, the London Fishing Show iFISH and the new Bristol show in 2017 – my congratulations! We will be looking for volunteers to tie flies at the SportFish Show at Theale on 6th / 6th May 2018. Please put the dates in your diary and volunteer to demonstrate and answer questions for a half or full day on either day.

Grayling Fishing

In addition to the excellent Grayling fishing organised by Richard E on the R Test, we had a group of 8 fishing the River Dee at Llangollen in early October. River was a little high, but the fishing was good.

We would love to find a second Grayling fishing location on the River Test – could you arrange one?

Reservoir Fishing

The TV FDG 'Invictas' team of John H, Peter H, Phil M & Peter W achieved 5th place in the FDG annual John Watts boat fishing competition at Grafham Reservoir in August 2017. It was a tough day fishing.

Salmon Fishing

I fish for Salmon occasionally on the River Wye in South Wales. If you are interested in fishing or learning to Salmon fish – please let me know. Season starts on 3rd March!

Next Year's Programme

If you have any requests for next season's programme or a fly pattern or demonstrations of particular tying techniques or would like to volunteer to demonstrate for 10 minutes – then please let me know.

As our Members progress through the Bronze-silver-Gold Awards, I think the Programme has become somewhat 'stale', however it is predictable. I would love someone to take over the Programme!

Peter Watson
Windsor

11th December 2017

