



Spokane Walleye Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 25, 2023

Attendance:

Officers: President Chuck Dunning

 Vice President Ken Shatzer

 Treasurer Allan Walker

 Secretary Lloyd Spooner

Board Members: George Allen

 Rick Bernard

 Larry Quaintance

 Gary Sweigert

Members Present:

President Dunning called the meeting to order at 6:01PM. He gave a history of his membership and leadership with the Spokane Walleye Club (“the club”). He has been active in both Walleye fishing and conservation of Walleye in the northwest for over 40 years and has many contacts in the fishing industry and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. During his previous leadership roles, the club had around 200 members and Chuck would like us to actively pursue new members to grow the club again. The club has historically gained most of its new members during and shortly after the Big Horn Show. Chuck presented an idea to hold some Walleye seminars at the clubs March meeting shortly after the Big Horn Show. Ideas for free passes and fliers were discussed to get our club information out to the fishing public. Everyone at the meeting agreed.



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Ideas for presentations or events for upcoming meetings were discussed.

- February – Gary Sweigert will discuss LP gas technology in RV's. Gary has an extensive background in the LP gas industry. George Allen will give a history of Walleye in the Northwest.
- March – Walleye seminars will be held following the Big Horn Show.
- April – Allan Walker will do a presentation on Walleye basics.
- May – a representative from Lowrance will give a presentation on boat electronics.
- June – Summer picnic at Locust Grove at Kettle Falls. Dates are June 15-19. Check in on the 15th after 1:00PM and check out on June 19th by 12:00 noon. Camping fee is covered by the club.

Chuck asked for everyone to submit ideas for seminars or presentations for future meetings. Ideas were discussed including:

- John Carruth walleye fishing
- Tribal fishery representative
- Killer/Favorite lure - someone brings in one of their favorite lures and demonstrates how to make it and fish it.

There was discussion about a new campground near some net pens that is a joint effort between the tribe Washington Game and Fish.

The group discussed ideas to get people to come to meetings:

- Door prizes – fishing tackle – small stuff like spinners, line, blade baits, bottom bouncers, etc.
- 50 / 50 raffle – winning cash is always popular

The next subject that was discussed is club fishing days and ideas for getting more interest and excitement generated.

- Hand out laminated cards to members and have prizes for different categories such as biggest fish, smallest fish, most unusual fish, etc. This would be a one-day contest for normal fish days and multi-day at the summer picnic. The rule would be to take a picture of your card with the



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fish along with length and weight and then check in at the end of the day with a designated individual. This would not be a tournament, but instead just a friendly competition.

- Last year the club promoted experienced members taking newer members out. Due to some miscommunication, some new members showed up expecting to be taken out. Since nothing was discussed ahead of time, they did not get to go out in a boat and were upset. This was discussed and it was decided that the club cannot be a part of matching new people with experienced people. Ideas for a white board or bulletin board that could be used for members to advertise an open seat so boatless anglers could know who to talk to.

Past club projects were discussed:

- Spawning operation on Banks Lake
- Picnic shelter at Locust Grove group campsite in Kettle Falls
- Handicap fishing dock at Bear Lake

The club has taken on many large-scale projects in the past but it's just not feasible with our current membership level.

Kids fish days – arrange for members to help kids at Bear Lake in May. Many families are just getting started with fishing and don't have the knowledge to be successful. It would be a great way to help kids get excited about fishing and possibly get some new members in the process.

Membership - 2022 ended with 113 members, 15 of those are designated Life Members. In the past, life members were not made to pay membership fees. This has changed this year and they will be asked to pay going forward. There have been 54 renewals so far in 2023.

Allan reported that the 2023 rental has been paid to the Big Horn Council, he is working with our insurance agent on the policy to cover the club for outings and meetings. Finally, he is working on the club's tax returns. There was a motion to move the treasurers report to the general meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The fall campout was discussed. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed last year's campout at Gifford Ferry. It was proposed to hold it there again this year. Each member must reserve their own campsite and will be reimbursed by the club afterwards.



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The subject of Spokane Walleye Club hats and jackets was discussed. Jackets became prohibitively expensive and were discontinued. The idea of producing a large patch that would be sewn to any jacket was proposed and will be investigated. Hats were procured in May of 2022 at a cost of \$428. Income from hat sales is currently only \$165. The last board approved the sale of hats at \$15 which is a loss of \$2.40 per hat. After discussion, a motion to increase the price to \$20 was brought forth, seconded, and approved unanimously.

With business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM