



Spokane Walleye Club General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 22, 2023

Attendance: 24 members signed in

Officers: President Chuck Dunning
 Vice President Ken Shatzer
 Treasurer Allan Walker
 Secretary Lloyd Spooner

Board Members: George Allen
 Rick Bernard
 Larry Quaintance (Absent)
 Gary Sweigert

President Dunning called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Name tags were not available because the lock on the shed was frozen. The membership was asked to sign up for a time slot to volunteer at the Big Horn Show booth.

Seminars

There will be Walleye seminars presented at the March club meetings. Subjects will be Walleye gear and tackle building along with fishing presentations by local Walleye pros.

Its time for Mark Marine's spring seminar series. All seminars start at 6:30pm at their location in Hayden, ID. See their website at <https://www.marksmarineinc.com/>



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Summer picnic

The summer picnic was moved to June 15th through the 19th, still at Locust Grove group campground at Kettle Falls. There will be raffles and a fun fishing contest.

Fishing reports

John Carruth fished the Spokane Arm, caught 44, and brought home 17. All caught in less than 10 FOW.

Report from Rufus Woods. Several caught in the 17-21" size range but it has been slow

Alan Walker went to Curlew and caught over 100 perch with some nice sized fish in the batch

New Members

There was a new member present- Mark Melton – welcome to the club!

Fishing Hole news

Stan Judd reported the Fishing Hole is under new management and is discontinuing the monthly raffle program. He also gave gifts to new members this year.

Monthly Presentations

George Allen gave a history of Walleye in Washington State. Nobody knows how or when they were introduced but they are not going away. The Walleye club has been involved in several projects centered around Walleye enhancement. These projects included a spawning barge and warm water hatchery. In 1991, Walleyes Unlimited was formed to get state funding for warm water fisheries. In 1997, a warm water enhancement fund was established and funded by a surcharge on fishing licenses. Unfortunately, these programs have largely gone by the wayside.

Gary Sweigert gave a presentation on LP gas issues and safety, especially in RV's. He went over several ways to determine how full a tank is. Gauges are not accurate and vary with air temperature, magnetic gauges work a little better but don't tend to stick well. The most accurate methods are weighing the tank and subtracting the empty tank weight, pouring warm water over the tank and running your hand down the side of the tank, and the new ultrasonic measuring devices. Bottles are good for 10 years and can be recertified for 5 years after that. New bottles have overflow protection devices and a 5 gallon



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tank can only hold 4 gallons. Never use a portable propane heater inside a camper. There are fire and or carbon monoxide poisoning dangers. Before using propane furnaces and water heaters, be sure to do a visual inspection or wiring and vents. Wasps and bees like to build nests inside vents.

The month 50/50 drawing was held. Mark McFall was the big winner of \$45.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm