



Spokane Walleye Club General 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: 30 Members signed in

President Dunning called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

The treasurers report was delivered by the club treasurer, Allan Walker:

Finalized finances from 2022. The club lost \$4,496.60. Mainly due to the \$5,000 donation for the trailer for kids fishing program for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Without that donation, we would have had a profit of about \$505. So far this year, not much has happened. A few club memberships. Please make sure to renew your membership at a club meeting, mail a check, or use the new renewal form on the club's website.

Checking: \$1,114.88

Project Fund: \$12,168.07



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Club Money Market: \$7,850.45

Total: \$21,133.40

Allan will be processing the Federal Tax and State Sales tax returns. He is also renewing the insurance for club activities. Allan also stated he had the membership forms available if anyone needed one.

A motion was made to forego the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. It was mentioned that minutes have not been read for years and if anyone would like to see the minutes, Lloyd has a physical copy available at all meetings and they can be viewed on the membership website.

President Dunning introduced the officers and board members for 2023.

Chuck Dunning – President

Ken Shatzer – Vice President

Allan Walker – Treasurer

Lloyd Spooner – Secretary

George Allen – Board Member

Larry Quaintance – Board Member

Gary Sweigert – Board Member

Rick Barnard – Board Member

President Dunning's phone number will be published on the website. The best way to contact him is to call.

Big Horn Show – President Dunning said the show is in March and we would like to start signing up volunteers immediately. It takes a lot of people to make our booth a success. You get in to the show for free if you work the booth. Please sign up for a 2-4 hour slot. There are 4 days to covers so we will need



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lots of people. Immediately following the Big Horn Show at our March meeting, we will be putting on Walleye seminars and getting new members excited about the club and Walleye fishing.

Upcoming meeting presenters include George and Gary in February. Gary will be talking about LP Gas safety in RV's and George will give a history of Walleye in Washington state.

There will be a fishing day in April, not sure what day yet but it will be one of the Saturdays. Hoping for nice weather. We will help with kids fishing day, summer picnic in June, club fishing day in the summer at Banks or Potholes, fall campout.

New members present include Sechendy (??), Casey Doors, and Craig Mitchell.

President Dunning told a story that when he joined the Walleye Club, he had never actually seen a Walleye.

There is a program at the General Store and Fishing Hole where if you make a purchase, you can put your receipt in for a drawing each month for a \$25 gift certificate. Must be present to win.

A big pile of old Big Horn Show merchandise was there for the taking.

The club has hats for sale for \$20.

Fishing reports:

It has been reported that the fishing is good at Rufus Woods by the netpens. Starting to catch big fish down by Pasco. It's a tremendous fishery for trophy Walleye. Starting next month, big fish start to stage at the mouth of the Spokane arm. Males start to come in March and large numbers will be present.

Allan gave a report of perch fishing at Curlew Lake. Caught limits over 10 inches.

President Dunning would like to reinstate the big fish patch. Member would receive a patch for fish over 5 pounds that was caught and released.

Special guest speaker was Danny Garrett from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He provided good information about the Curlew Lake perch fishery. Also, good fishing for Lake Whitefish at Banks Lake. As for Lake Roosevelt, management is focusing Trout and Salmon somewhat to the detriment of warm water species like Walleye. Danny is part of a team that manages warm water biologists for the state.



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Mostly focused on Walleye since not many people keep bass. The presentation was very detailed and gave a great overview of the state of Walleye populations and growth in Lake Roosevelt. If you would like to see the presentation, they did the same one at last year's Big Horn Show and it can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhoToZqfrtE> . Mr. Garrett also discussed Northern Pike and Lake Whitefish. Pike have not been found below Grand Coulee Dam which is good news. The Spokane Tribe places nets in the Spokane arm to catch Pike but will also catch Walleye and Bass.

The 50/50 drawing was held with a prize of \$175

President Dunning spoke about the warm water fishery fund and about how it was heavily influenced by the Spokane Walleye club. The club was also involved in a Walleye mortality study back in the 90's. A bunch of Walleye were caught in the winter and put on stringer hooks and sent back down. Later the Walleye's were brought back to the surface just to find out that Burbot had been feeding on half the fish.

Merlin from Marks Marine had a boat show and provided a booth for the Walleye club to try to gain members. Anyone who purchases a new Lund boat from Marks will be given a years membership to the Spokane Walleye Club.

If anyone would like to discuss anything or has ideas for the club, please contact Chuck.

The club would really like to promote the seminars right after the Big Horn Show. This could be a great way to promote the club and gain new membership.

We would like to see a few members to go to Bear Lake in May and help kids that may be struggling to catch their first fish.

Ideas for upcoming meetings, door prizes, etc were discussed.

Gary was given kudos for the great website.

Send in fishing reports.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM