

Spokane Walleye Club

Board Meeting: May 31, 2023 6:00 PM at the INWC

Officers Present: Chuck Dunning (President), Ken Shatzer (Vice President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Acting Secretary, tonight only)

Board Members Present: George Allen, Gary Sweigert

Absent: Lloyd Spooner, Rick Bernard, Larry Quaintance

General Members Present: John Calkins

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$853.67	\$12,915.99	\$7,000	\$20,769.66

2024 Big Horn Show

Allan has received communication from the Big Horn Show inquiring if we will be participating (renting a booth) again for the show in 2024. The board's vote was unanimous that we will.

Reel Recreation

Allan conveyed a communication that he received via Greg Koch from Ian Taylor of Reel Recreation (www.ReelRecreation.com) (requesting any support that we could provide for their children and families fishing program(s) at Banks Lake. Chuck will respond to Mr. Taylor to inquire further.

Storage Shed clean-out, organization, and inventory — Saturday, June 3rd

George reminded of the scheduled forthcoming clean-out and inventory of our storage shed at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council this coming Saturday at 10:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help, and the more we have the quicker this will go.

Spring Picnic — June 15-18 at Locust Grove Group Campground, Kettle Falls

This is our main event of the year and is the most popular one. There is no cost to members for camping in the group campground. Chuck and George will do the cooking (turkey and fish) for the meal on Saturday (around noon) and members are encouraged to bring a dish for pot luck. There will also be a pot luck breakfast on Sunday morning around 9:00 AM.

Chuck will handle our informal fishing contest on Saturday. There will be a rod and reel prize for the largest Walleye and a booby prize for the smallest fish (of any species). There will be no weighing of fish caught, a photo will be sufficient.

We will also hold our usual raffle and 50/50 drawing, and there will be several prizes as well as door prizes. Allan is also donating the remainder of Sam Henrich's (R.I.P.) fishing gear as prizes.

We have some raffle tickets in hand (left over from the Big Horn Show) and will also need to purchase another roll of tickets in order to have enough.

Fall Campout

Tentatively scheduled for September 8-10 at Hunters' Group Campground. Chuck will handle the reservation. Stay tuned for further details.

Future Meetings and Speakers

For the forthcoming July - December monthly meetings, Chuck is planning ahead and wants to start getting guest speakers lined-up. One would be a representative from one of the Indian Tribes. George suggested a representative from Mack's Lures. Allan suggested Jon Greer from Interstate Batteries. Another good choice would be Merlin Thykeson of Mark's Marine to discuss boat winterization. Chuck suggested some of our long-time members such as Tom Fischer, Doug Nathan, Bob Ploof, Bob Metier, John Carruth, and Travis Scholten to discuss their various areas of Walleye fishing expertise.

There will be no monthly meeting in November. For the December meeting, the board concurred with Chuck's recommendation to again hold the meeting at the INWC and have it catered by the same company, "A Catered Affair," that did the last two December meetings as those were both well received.

Future Fish Days for July and August

Chuck advised that we really need to plan a gathering at these events; all concurred. Members showing up, launching their boats, and scattering just doesn't work. He suggested a pancake breakfast and/or a lunch. We also need to figure a way to match-up new members with those willing to take them out. Previous efforts at doing this have not worked well.

Gary will look into launches and gathering places at Long Lake. We will revisit these issues at the Spring Picnic.

Hunt and Fish Day at Diamond Lake

George was recently contacted by the state to inquire about our willingness to help with this event, which is possibly scheduled for September 16th. George will inquire further and report back.

Allen's Resignation

Allen announced that he will soon be moving out of state and is therefore resigning from the club immediately. He advised that he will help the new treasurer transition into the position.

After thirteen years as a club member, expert Walleye fisherman and teacher, and eleven years as our exemplary treasurer, Allan will be sorely missed and is leaving some big shoes to fill.

All the best wishes on your next chapter, Allan. And thank you for your invaluable service to the club.

Adjournment

6:58 PM

Next Meeting

At the Spring Picnic.