

## Spokane Walleye Club

**General Meeting:** March 30, 2022 7:00 PM at the INWC

**Officers Present:** Smiley Hatcher (President), Ken Shatzer (Vice President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Secretary)

**Board Members Present:** John Calkins, Larry Quaintance, Travis Scholten, Stan Judd

**Absent:**

**Members Signed-in:** 45

### Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$3,177.36	\$12,155.80	\$8,842.40	\$24,175.56

As to membership renewals, Allan advised that we have several members who have not yet submitted their membership dues. Allan has sent the annual dues notices and reminders. Smiley advised that we have arrived at that point in the year when members who have not submitted their membership renewal dues will be dropped from the rolls. If you have not yet submitted your dues, please do so immediately.

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We had a very good turnout tonight as a result of new members and guests learning about the club from us at the Big Horn Show earlier this month.

### Guests and New Members

Please pardon misspellings and omissions, I had a hard time hearing.

Joe \_\_\_\_\_, Gil Schneider, Bob and Robin S\_\_\_\_\_, Rick Bernard, John Schindler, Hazen Bernard, Tim Farrand, Dennis Rosenhooper, Stu Smith, Joe Stodamore, Ed Burns, Dave Smith, Thomas Grieb, Fordyce Lenard, Tom Riley, Tim Silva

Chris Donnelly, Kent Mayer, and Danny Garrett of the WDFW, our guest speakers tonight.

*Welcome!*

### Second Reading of Proposed Bylaw Change

As required by our bylaws, Smiley read aloud the proposal to amend our bylaws to streamline the annual awards process. The membership vote to pass this change was unanimous. The text of this amendment is on the last page of these minutes.

### Fishing Reports

Four 15-16" Walleye were caught at 45-50' at Porcupine Bay jigging with curly tail plastics.

Good success was also had catching nice, fat Walleye recently in the Spokane Arm jigging. Other fishermen observed there were doing even better drop shotting.

Greg Koch and Doug Schroeder recently fished the Blue Creek area of the Spokane Arm and caught 20 Walleye 15-17" slow trolling chartreuse Smiley Blades.

Another report of success in the Spokane Arm with nine Walleye caught at 25-30' slow trolling (<1 MPH) Smiley Blades.

### Name Tags

Gary Swigert advised to contact him to have a name tag made.

### Big Horn Show Raffle Prizes

Ken Shatzer presented the raffle prizes to the three lucky winners. *Congratulations!*

### Mark's Marine Seminars

Merlin Thykesson advised that there are two remaining Thursday evening seminars at Mark's Marine on March 31st and April 7th — both begin at 6:30 PM. Tomorrow night's seminar will be on Lake Pend Orielle and Priest Lake and April's 7th's presentation will be on Trout and Kokanee fishing.

### Fish Days

Smiley announced our fish days scheduled for this year; they will be posted on our website.

- Saturday, April 30 at Porcupine Bay
- Saturday, May 21 at Long Lake
- June — skip, due to the Spring Picnic
- Saturday, July 9 at Potholes
- August — skip
- September — skip, due to Fall Campout (location to be determined)
- Saturday, October 1 — Texas Rapids

Smiley will establish a whiteboard for each event with the names of experienced club members on one side and the names of guests and new members on the other side to be paired-up. The object is to provide the best possible experience and orientation for our guests and new members.

### Kids Fishing

The rod assembly for the Kids Fishing event will be at 5:00 PM on April 12th at the INWC. The more volunteers we have, the quicker this will go.

The Kids Fishing event will be on Saturday, May 7th at Clear Lake. Volunteers will need to be there by 7:00 AM.

#### Spring Campout — June 9-13th

Our annual Spring Picnic will be held at the Locust Grove group campground at Kettle Falls. Check-in starts at noon on Thursday and check-out is at noon on Monday. The picnic is on Saturday.

#### Website Update

Gary Swigert gave us an update and tour of the recent changes he has made to our website. Nice work Gary, *Thanks!*

#### Argonne Act Hardware Fishing Hole and General Store Discounts and Prizes

Smiley and John Calkins reviewed the 10% discount that club members receive on fishing gear at these stores and the door prize drawings that are held at our monthly meetings as a result of those purchases. Members should write their names on their purchase receipts and drop them into the collection containers at the stores to be entered in those drawings.

#### Christmas Banquet

It will be on Wednesday, December 7th, at 6:00 PM at the INWC.

#### Guest Speaker Presentation

Chris Donnelly, Kent Mayer, and Danny Garrett of the WDFW gave an excellent presentation, which was very well received, on Walleye in the fisheries in our region. *Thank you!*

#### Adjournment

8:49 PM.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 PM at the INWC.

The next membership meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

#### Attachment

See below for the text of the bylaw amendment.

#### Bylaw Change

Changes remove the restrictions that 1.) the Special Appreciation award go only to a board member, 2.) the Member of the Year award go to only general members, and 3.) remove the requirement that the board approve the awards. We have already bent these rules in the past by awarding a Special Appreciation Award to a non-board member.

These changes give us more flexibility and removes the awkward necessity of having the board approve awards for which a board member is a candidate. The

Membership / Awards Committee would be given the authority to make these determinations and if a member of that committee is a candidate, then he/she will be recused by the other members of the committee.

Changes are ~~lined through~~ for deletions and shown in *italics* for additions and replacements.

Previous bylaws with new changes noted

**Appendix 3 — Awards** The Membership Committee shall administer all membership awards per criteria as established for such awards, which are:

- Member of the Year (up to two annually)
- Special Appreciation (up to two annually)

The Membership Committee shall *make these determinations and have the awards made for presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet in December.* ~~submit a list of candidates for each award to the Board of Directors at the November board meeting. The committee shall, upon approval of the Board of Directors, order the plaques for presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet.~~

*If a member of the committee becomes a candidate for an award, he/she will be recused for purposes of these decisions by the other members of the committee and the President will name a temporary replacement.*

## **AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

### **Member of the Year**

Any member in good standing *who has served the club with distinction* ~~except an Executive or Member of the Board of Directors~~ may be eligible for consideration of this award.

The award shall be a plaque inscribed as follows:

**Spokane Walleye Club**

**Name**

**Member of the Year**

**Year**

### **Special Appreciation**

The club may approve two awards annually. ~~Members of the Board of Directors, only, are eligible for consideration of this award.~~

The award shall be a Plaque inscribed as follows:

**Spokane Walleye Club**

**Name**

**Special Appreciation**

**Year**