

Spokane Walleye Club

General Meeting: April 27, 2022 7:00 PM at the INWC

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

Board Members Present: John Calkins, Travis Scholten, Stan Judd

Absent: Smiley Hatcher, Larry Quaintance

Members Signed-in: 48, with 5 new members

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$2,388.34	\$12,156.84	\$8,843.15	\$23,388.33

ID Cards

Our membership cards all have an expiration date at the end of this year, which includes those whose membership runs longer. This is because our website password is changed at the first of each year. New membership cards and passwords for 2023 will be sent in January.

Allan received a \$500 memorial donation for next year's Kids Fishing event from the family of Kimberly Wood, who recently passed away unexpectedly. He also reported the \$500 and \$50 donations for this year's Kids Fishing event that were received by members at the recent Big Horn Show. These folks were all touched by the Kids Fishing event and wanted to help. *A HUGE THANKS to them for their generosity!*

Allan also discussed our club's donation of \$5,000 for the Kids Fishing equipment trailer, which has now been purchased, and how it will be used.

New Members and Guests

Ron Miller, Rick Bernard, Ken, Cory, and _____ Croh, Doug Millikan, Harry Hunter, and a bunch more whose names I did not catch (apologies).

Welcome All!

Rick Bernard, who is legally blind, has a boat and a tow vehicle and is seeking members who are willing to take him fishing in his rig.

Fishing Reports

The spawn is on in the Spokane Arm, up higher near Buoy 5. The water temperature was 49 degrees recently and it is super shallow there with the lake level now at

1,249'. *Be careful!* Success was obtained using just a night crawler and a slow death hook at 60-75' trolling very slow at .4 MPH.

Allan Walker essentially reported the same situation as he fished Blue Creek and the flats there. The fish were thick but the bite was scarce. The water temperature on the day he fished was 46 degrees. "Combat fishing" conditions existed as it was crowded with fishermen all thinking the same thing at the same time and place.

Allan also advised that there is no longer a drop box for launch fees at Porcupine Bay as launch permits must be purchased online. This has to be done in advance of arrival as there is no cell phone service at this location. The alternative is to purchase an annual Lake Roosevelt boat launch pass (also online) from the National Park Service for \$45.

Club Fish Days

Ken reviewed the club fish days that we have scheduled. They are posted on the club's website.

As to the upcoming fish day this Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Porcupine Bay, Allan Walker will be at the boat ramp at 8:00 AM to assist members with launching. He noted that the lake level is low, currently at 1,249', and that the boat ramp is down to one lane.

Ken set up a white board at the back of the room and encouraged our experienced members willing to take a guest, and new members and guests needing some Walleye guidance, to write their names on the white board so that they can be paired-up.

Spring Campout and picnic — June 9-13th, 2022

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; fish and turkey will be provided and members are requested to bring a pot luck dish. There is also a pot luck breakfast on Sunday morning. There is no camping charge as the club pays for the group campground. This is our biggest event of the year and all are encouraged to attend.

Argonne Ace Hardware Fishing Hole

John Calkins visited the Fishing Hole today and brought the drawing prizes that they donated for tonight's club meeting. He advised that they have stocked lots of new Walleye fishing gear. And, that they are seeking any requests from us for any additional Walleye fishing gear that they currently don't have.

Fishing gear only is discounted 10% for club members here and at the General Store. You must show your club ID card.

Write your name on your purchase receipt (or a duplicate copy) and drop it in the collection bucket there to be entered in our monthly door prize drawing. The Fishing Hole donates the prizes for this. *Thank you!*

Kids Fishing — May 7, 2022 at Clear Lake

The rod assembly for the Kids Fishing event was on April 12th at the INWC and was well attended. *Thanks to all who helped!*

The Kids Fishing event will be on Saturday, May 7th at Clear Lake. Volunteers will need to be there by 7:00 AM. This is easy and rewarding duty, all are welcome to come and help.

Ronald McDonald House Kids Fishing Day and Camping at Clear Lake

Shirley Calkins asked if the fishing day for the disabled kids from the Ronald McDonald House will again be held on the Friday afternoon (May 6th) before the scheduled Kids Fishing day on Saturday, May 7th. So far, no one has heard any discussion of that and Randy Osborne (WDFW), who runs this event, has been indisposed. Since the INWC is heavily involved in this event, Ken will check with them to see if this is on the schedule. If so, club volunteers will be needed.

If this event is a go, members usually camp at the Clear Lake campground to avoid having to make the return trip early the next morning. In the past camping was free for Kids Fishing volunteers, but that is now in question. John has a contact there and will follow-up to determine if free camping on Friday night is still available. Stay tuned and check the club website.

Speaker Presentation

Gary Swigert gave a slideshow presentation on the “Siren Marine” boat monitoring and alert systems, some of which he has installed on his boat. These are modules that can be installed to cover a wide variety of the systems on our boats and are of high quality. Siren Marine has a website and YouTube videos posted online.

Gary then projected a map of the Spokane Arm on the screen and a great discussion and information exchange between members occurred as to good fishing spots, baits, shallows, and hazards. All particularly helpful for our upcoming fish day.

Adjournment

8:32 PM

Next Meetings

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 INWC

- Board meeting at 6:00 PM
- Membership meeting at 7:00 PM