

Spokane Walleye Club

- General Meeting:** October 26, 2022 6:00 PM at the INWC
- Officers Present:** Smiley Hatcher (President), Ken Shatzer (Vice President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Secretary)
- Board Members Present:** Larry Quaintance, Stan Judd
- Absent:** John Calkins (recovering from surgery), Travis Scholten
- Members Signed-in:** 30

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$940.77	\$12,162.94	\$8,847.59	\$21,951.30

Our Year to date net income is (-\$3,824.67). The \$4,500 income from the sale of our tournament trailer came last year and went into the Project Fund. Our \$5,000 donation to the WDFW Kids Fishing trailer was this year and came out of the Project Fund.

Tonight we received two checks, one for \$25.00 and one for \$65.00, that were donated by family members in memory of Tim Wood. These funds will be placed in our Project fund and subsequently forwarded to the Kids Fishing program.

Posting E-Mail and Phone List on the Website

Smiley addressed this issue at tonight's board meeting. With no membership list containing phone numbers and e-mail addresses posted to enable members to contact each other, members have to call Smiley or Allan for the phone number or e-mail address they are seeking. This is a cumbersome procedure that creates an unnecessary obstacle for members trying to get in touch with each other.

It was decided to post the membership list, with phone numbers and e-mail addresses, in the Members Only section of our website, except for those members who do not want their contact information posted. If you do not wish your contact information to be posted, please advise.

Christmas Banquet Date Change and Elections

We recently experienced some internal confusion as to the scheduled date of our Christmas Banquet, which was set for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Additionally, Allan followed-up with the INWC and learned that they have also had

some mistakes at their end, did not have a record of our reservation, and have since rented the facility to another group on December 7th.

However, Thursday, December 8th is available and Allan secured a reservation at the INWC for that evening. Smiley will make the necessary schedule change tomorrow with our caterer for December 8th.

The new date and time for our Christmas Banquet is Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the INWC.

Because of this relatively late-breaking change of dates, we will notify all members of this change via weekly group e-mails between now and December 8th. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting where we will hold our annual elections for next year's officers and board members.

We will be using the same catering service that served us last year and with which we were very pleased. The price for members per meal will be \$15, with the club subsidizing the rest of the cost. Further details will be forthcoming by e-mail as to payment arrangements, i.e., payment in advance and / or pay at the door.

Christmas Lure Tree

We will have our lure tree at the banquet again and Stan Judd volunteered to handle this. Everyone is requested to bring at least one fishing lure to hang on the tree. One raffle ticket will be issued for each lure and a drawing will be held for the winner of the tree. Last year the raffle winner took some lures and donated the remainder back for further drawings, of which there were two.

Scheduling in Advance

Allan advised that each board needs to schedule club events for the next year and the board agreed. Towards that end, we scheduled our 2023 events as follows:

Monthly Meetings:

January 25
February 22
March 29
April 26
May 31
June - none
July 26
August 30
September 27
October 25
November - none
December 6 - Christmas Banquet

Campouts

June 9th - 12th

September 8th - 11th

Club fish days are yet to be determined.

October Fish Day

The October 1st Fish Day at Texas Rapids was a success. There was a decent member turnout, the weather was beautiful, and the fishing was good. Some members camped-over for a few days. *All good!*

Awards Committee

Doug Schroeder and Stan Judd volunteered to join Mark on this committee.

Nominations Committee and Elections for 2023 Board

We still need volunteers to serve on this committee.

Smiley is term limited. Ken has not indicated if he will run for Vice President again. After eight years, Mark is stepping down as secretary. After ten years, Allan has volunteered to continue serving as Treasurer. Travis' and Stan's terms on the board are expiring. Stan advised he is willing to serve another term.

Since we are obviously having a difficult time finding members to serve on the board, Allan advised that if we cannot recruit members to serve as officers and board members, then we will have to dissolve the club. There are provisions in the bylaws for this. *Nobody wants to see it come to this*. Smiley made another appeal tonight for volunteers willing to serve and the duties of each position were explained.

Rick Bernard and Alexis Spruner (soon to be a new member) volunteered to serve, and Stan Judd also volunteered to serve another term on the board. *Thanks for stepping up!*

Guests and New Members

Ron Cosgrove, Ben Robotham, Greg Mahg, Dan Defoe, Mick _____, and the Spruner "clan." Please excuse any misspellings or missed names.

Welcome All!

Fishing Reports

A member fished at Porcupine Bay within the last month and was successful in the area of Buoy 5 and the slide area. He fished between 40' and 100' and found the bigger fish at the deeper depths.

Rick Bernard fished with some friends at Hunters a week and a half ago and got skunked.

Doug Schroeder reported on the successes he and Allan Walker had catching 23 fish at the recent Texas Rapids fish day / campout. They pulled Flicker Shads and spinners. Allan described the weed bed area where they did well below Lyons Ferry fishing at 15-30' zig-zagging back and forth until they found the right depth.

Our guests tonight, the Spruners, also reported success over the last three weekends at various locations in Kettle Falls.

Speaker Presentation

Allan gave an excellent presentation, loaded with great tips, on winter Walleye fishing, which was very well received. *Thank you, Allan!*

Next Meetings

There will be no meeting in November (too close to Thanksgiving).

Board Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2022 5:00 PM at the INWC.

Membership Meeting, Christmas Banquet, and Elections: Following at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

8:40 PM.