

## Spokane Walleye Club

**General Meeting:** December 8, 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:** John Calkins, Larry Quaintance, Travis Scholten

**Absent:** Stan Judd

**Members Signed-in:** 30

### Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$832.88	\$12,164.97	\$8,849.07	\$21,846.92

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### New Members and Guests

Craig and Shawn Mitchell, new members. *Welcome!*

### Annual Awards and Elections Banquet

Tonight is the night! For the second year our banquet was catered by "A Catered Affair." They did a fine job, the food was great, the price was fair, and it was well-received by the membership. And we did not all have to travel to a far-away, noisy restaurant in the snow! *All good!*

### Awards

Travis Scholten and Greg Koch (who was out ill tonight) received Members of the Year for the many *outstanding* Walleye fishing presentations that they have done, including the online ones that they did during the Covid shutdown.

Gary Sweigert received our Special Appreciation award for jumping right in as a new member as our Assistant Webmaster. His assistance to Webmaster Greg Koch has been *invaluable* and he has made significant and positive changes to our website. Additionally, Gary produced the name tags for club members, which helps us to get to know one another better.

Allan commended and thanked Smiley for his exemplary, effective, and humble leadership of our club for the past two years as well as through the Covid shutdowns — a most difficult time for our club indeed — and presented him with \$200 in gift cards. *Our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done!*

*Thanks Smiley, Travis, Greg, and Gary for your significant contributions!*

### Elections

Smiley advised that tonight we will have our annual election of officers and board members. Smiley is term-limited as President, Mark is stepping down as Secretary after eight years, and we will need a Vice President and three board members.

Travis' and Stan's two-year terms on the board are expiring and John will be stepping down for the last year of his term. All are thanked for their service.

Smiley explained the duties of each role and asked members to seriously consider stepping-up to fill these necessary positions. George Allen, Rick Bernard, and Gary Sweigert volunteered for the three open board positions, Lloyd Spooner volunteered for Secretary, Ken Shatzer volunteered for Vice President again as did Allan Walker for Treasurer, and Chuck Dunning, a LONGTIME member and past president volunteered for the president's position. *Many thanks to all for stepping-up!*

Allan moved and John seconded for the vote on this slate of candidates. Carried unanimously.

### The 2023 Officers and Board

President, Chuck Dunning

Vice President, Ken Shatzer

Treasurer, Allan Walker

Secretary, Lloyd Spooner

### Board

One year remaining, Larry Quaintance

One year remaining (replacing John Calkins), Rick Bernard

Two years, George Allen

Two years, Gary Sweigert

### Argonne Fishing Hole and General Store Prizes

John Calkins recently spoke with Colton of that organization and they have decided to offer a \$25 gift card as the monthly door prize rather than individual fishing items. Members are reminded to put their name on purchase receipts for fishing gear at these stores and to drop those receipts in the buckets provided there to enter the monthly gift card prize drawings, which are held at our club meetings.

### Membership Dues

At tonight's board meeting, discussion was held on the status of our membership dues, which have remained constant at \$30 for several years. Allan moved and Mark and John seconded to raise the annual dues to \$40, \$75 for two years, and \$110 for three years beginning January 1, 2023. Carried unanimously. Dues paid through the end of the year will remain at \$30. Allan will update the membership application / renewal forms that he will soon be sending out.

For information, the Kettle Falls Walleye club dues are \$40 and will be going up to \$50 in March.

### Online Dues Payment and Hat Purchases

Gary Sweigert has completed the set-up of dues payments and hat purchases on our website and asked the board tonight if we were ready to go ahead with that. We are. *Thank you Gary!*

Gary also asked the board if we were going to leave the cost of hats at \$15, as we lose money on those. It was decided that the club subsidy on hats is small and that they provide a good means to promote the club, so the price will remain at \$15.

### Christmas Lure Tree

The Christmas Lure Tree was a success again. Winning ticket holders did not take the whole tree, but took a few lures and donated the rest back for additional drawings.

### Scheduling in Advance

As per our last board meeting (October 26th), it was decided that each board needs to schedule club events for the next year. Towards that end, at that board meeting 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.

### Adjournment

7:55 PM

### Next Meetings

Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 6:00 PM at the INWC  
Membership Meeting: Following at 7:00 PM