

## Spokane Walleye Club

**General Meeting:** February 28, 2018

**Officers Present:** Doug Schroeder (President), Greg Sheuman (Vice President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Secretary)

**Board Members Present:** Greg Koch, Travis Scholten, Tom Fischer, Doug Nathan, Larry Quaintance, George Allen, Ken Shatzer

**Absent:** None

### Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$1,557.41	\$8,562.70	\$8,978.77	\$19,098.88

(-\$650) YTD loss, however this includes our rent paid to the INWC, Bighorn Show booth rental, and raffle grand prize purchase

Allan noted that the \$600 cost for our booth rental (two spaces) at the Bighorn Show decreased this year.

\$1,445 in club membership dues has been collected to date. On April 1<sup>st</sup> Allan will send postcard reminders to those members who have still not remitted their dues.

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Guests Brent Shubert, and two whose names I couldn't hear. *Welcome!*

New Member John McClain. *Welcome!*

### Fishing Reports

Recent success was reported north of Ft. Spokane at 35-50' dragging jigs, averaging ~40 fish, under five pounds.

Mike Cook reported success at Kettle Falls in Singer Bay at 18-20' on blade baits.

Also, fishing is reported to be good near Buoy 30 at the Tri-Cities.

### Ramp Access and Lake Levels

Since the water level is now being lowered in Lake Roosevelt, George advised that our club Facebook page has a post showing the levels needed for the various launches on the lake; some are now inaccessible. Check before you go.

### Vacant Positions & Board Assignments

Doug Schroeder volunteered to be the president, but noted that he has many commitments and will need plenty of help as to delegated responsibilities and tasks.

George Allen volunteered to fill one of the two vacant two-year positions (1/2), and Ken Shatzer volunteered to fill the other (2/2).

Greg Sheuman volunteered to serve as Vice-President.

Since we overfilled our one-year positions by one last month, Travis Scholten volunteered to bump-up to fill the other vacant three-year position (2/3).

Votes to confirm them to these positions were carried unanimously by the membership.

Greg will no longer be able to continue as the guest speaker coordinator or club fish day director. He will continue as the chair of the Finance Committee and as Webmaster in the Publications Committee.

Mark volunteered to help with Facebook postings and club e-mailings.

Allan called for volunteers to fill the roles of: 1.) guest speaker coordinator, 2.) club fish day director, and 3.) tournament director. (We have a tournament committee and have already obtained the state permit, but need a director.) There were NO volunteers for any of these positions.

Allan advised that without a tournament director the tournament itself is in jeopardy.

### Annual Raffle

Doug Schroeder is spearheading the raffle. The tickets have been printed and are now available. They are \$20 each and come in books of five. Members are encouraged to sign-out some ticket books and make every effort to sell tickets to make this year's event a success. Suggestions are to approach those that we do business with in our daily lives, e.g., insurance agents, etc.

Doug requested that ticket stubs be returned in the batches they came in as it causes a bookkeeping headache if they are returned individually or mixed-up.

With past experiences to guide us it was determined that a gun safe is simply too heavy and unwieldy to handle. Prizes will consist of five rifles and five rod & reel combos. The grand prize is a Henry .45 long Colt rifle.

### Membership Surveys

The survey is complete and will be discussed at a future meeting.

### Kids Fishing — Clear Lake, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Sam briefed on the WDFW meeting that he, Doug and Bonnie Schroeder, and Mark and Linda McFall attended the previous Thursday evening. The Ronald McDonald's kids fishing event will be on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, with set-up beginning at 8:00 AM and event start at 1:30 PM. On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, staff and volunteers will meet at 7:00 AM at the café. All volunteers are welcome.

Randy Osborne (WDFW) stressed the need for volunteer work after the event is over on Saturday to help bring in the nets.

Rod and reel assembly will be at the INWC on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This should be a relatively short process as we still have assembled rods and reels left over from last year.

### By-Law Revisions

As was discussed at our last meeting, our by-laws regarding board member positions and rotations are in need of simplification. Mark McFall, George Allen, Doug Schroeder, and Bruce Wade volunteered to be on this committee. Any changes will take effect next year.

### Bighorn Show — March 15 – 18, 2018 at the Fairgrounds

Members are needed to work our booth; the shifts are two hours each. A sign-up list was placed at the entryway table tonight and several members have already signed-up. There are still several vacancies to fill. This is our best opportunity to promote the club and to sell raffle tickets — our big fundraiser of the year. Your help on this most important event is most urgently encouraged and needed.

Help is also needed to set-up the booth on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the INWC, and for teardown on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Fairgrounds.

Stan Judd volunteered to be our Bighorn booth coordinator; thanks Stan! Contact Stan at (509)487-4962 to sign-up.

### Monthly Meeting Door Prizes

Allan and Tom advised that we have gotten away from including door prizes in our monthly General Meeting drawing(s). Tonight the board decided to use ~\$20 from the monthly 50/50 ticket purchases to buy two or three door prizes, such as lures, in order to stimulate more interest in the drawings.

Allan has two Sportsman's Warehouse \$25 gift certificates that belong to the club. A drawing was held for one tonight and the other one will be drawn next month.

### Upcoming Presentations

Greg will be presenting a Walleye seminar at Cabela's on March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon and another on March 25, time TBD. He will also be presenting a seminar at Mark's Marine on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

If you haven't yet attended one of Greg's presentations, they are packed with great Walleye fishing information and are highly recommended.

Greg's and Travis's four Walleye presentations at Cabela's this month were very well attended and had the most attendees of any of Cabela's recent seminars.

### Speaker Presentation

#### ACE Hardware "Fishing Hole"

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Kasey gave an excellent presentation on fishing at Long Lake, which was well received by the members. He is very experienced at this lake and is a great resource for tips and information. *Thank you Kasey!*

Also, SWC members receive a 10% discount on all sporting goods purchases at the Argonne ACE Hardware Fishing Hole upon identifying themselves as SWC members to the cashier. Also, to write your names on purchase receipts and deposit them in the container at checkout for prize drawings at the next SWC meeting.

Kasey is continuing to expand and improve the "Fishing Hole" department of his store and would appreciate suggestions from members as to what gear and baits he should stock. Please don't hesitate to contact Kasey with your recommendations.

### Adjournment

8:26 PM.