

Spokane Walleye Club

Board Meeting: February 26, 2020 6:00 PM at the INWC

Officers Present: Smiley Hatcher (President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Secretary)

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

Absent: Ken Shatzer (Vice-President)

General Members Present: Paul Logman, Shirley Calkins

Treasurer's Report

As of February 2020

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$2,028.58	\$13,106.77	\$9,019.98	\$24,155.33

As of January 2020

\$1,586.58	13,111.22	\$9,022.27	\$23,720.07
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Year-end 2019

\$1,938.58	\$13,106.77	\$9,019.98	\$24,065.33
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January - February Income & Expenses

Membership Dues	\$785
- Raffle Expense	(\$65)
- Rent	<u>(\$630)</u>
Net Income	\$90

Allan has filed our 2019 federal income tax return, which was accepted.

Allan paid \$10 to the state for sales tax on our hat sales.

Allan reported that our WA 2020 raffle license application is processed.

Allan submitted \$500 to Scott Hanson of the Tri-Cities club for this year's Angler of the Year prize. These funds will be reimbursed from the prize money of our Banks Lake tournament this year; no cost to the club.

Allan reported that he has received 57 of 143 membership renewals to date. He will be available tonight for members to check their dues status.

Life members are requested, but not required, to pay dues.

Guest Speaker Honorary Memberships

Larry moved, and Mark & Travis seconded, a motion to grant one-year honorary memberships to all of our guest speakers, retroactively to the first of this year. Carried unanimously. We also agreed to pay speakers mileage for their travel expenses as some come quite a distance.

Larry also suggested that we ask our guests and new members how they found us as a good means to obtain feedback on our recruiting efforts. All agreed.

This month Shirley Calkins ran SWC advertisements in two local area advertising circulars, "Nickel's Worth" and "The Exchange." During our board meeting tonight she was working the reception desk and reported to us that nine arriving guests reported seeing those advertisements as being their motivation for attending tonight's meeting.

Shirley also got a flyer advertising the club designed, which she showed us. It is beautiful! Way to go on both counts, Shirley!

John moved and Mark seconded a motion to appropriate \$200 for the purchase of advertising and these flyers, which will be distributed at the upcoming Big Horn Show and at local businesses.

Smiley also prepared some written material for Alan Liere's column in the Spokesman-Review, which ran this month. *Outstanding!* Smiley will also be contacting Mr. Liere monthly for news coverage of our club meetings and events.

These efforts resulted in an attendance of 80 (68 sign-ins) at our general membership meeting tonight, with a many of them being guests and new members — *like we haven't seen in years!*

Welcoming Committee

This currently consists of Smiley, George Allen, Mark, and Dianne Fischer. Smiley reminded us that we need to make the maximum effort to greet and welcome all guests and new members. Also, all other board members are encouraged to do the same. The need for this "expanded" welcoming committee was in evidence tonight with the attendance of guests and new members that we had. *We must make every effort to welcome them and make that all-important positive first impression!*

Smiley advised that we really need to concentrate on having veteran members take guests and new members out fishing, particularly on club fish days and during the Spring and Fall campouts — and that we need to establish a sign-up list to make sure this happens. All agreed.

Big Horn Show and Annual Raffle

Smiley pointed out that we still need a Raffle Chair to acquire the prizes and a Big Horn Show booth chair to get the booth volunteer roster filled.

Greg Koch has the Big Horn Show volunteer sign-up roster and will bring it to the general membership meeting tonight. Smiley will circulate it among the membership as this is our last meeting before the show. Doug Schroeder has the raffle tickets.

Allan has the rod & reel combo and the Yeti cooler prizes. He advised that he will purchase the remainder of the prizes. (Last month the Board appropriated \$600 for this year's raffle prizes.). *Thank you, Allan!*

Greg Koch and Travis Scholten will do Walleye fishing presentations at the show.

Volunteers to set up the booth will meet at the INWC on Tuesday, March 17th at 9:00 AM. Pick up trucks and trailers are needed to haul the booth.

Our roster of booth attendance needs to go to the INWC after the show.

Kids Fishing — Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Clear Lake

Rod and reel preparation will be at the INWC on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM. The more volunteers that turn out the quicker this will go.

The volunteers meeting will be at the Clear Lake cafe at 7:00 AM. The kids start fishing at 8:00 AM. All help is appreciated and needed.

WDFW Kids Fishing Trailer Project

Smiley updated the Board on the Kids Fishing meeting that he, Sam Guglielmo, Mark & Linda McFall attended at the WDFW office of February 19th. Randy Osborne (the WDFW fish biologist who runs the program) advised that his prospects for obtaining a substantial donation, in the neighborhood of \$5,000, from the Kalispel Tribe are looking good.

Randy estimates the cost of the trailer to be approximately \$7,000. We previously committed to a \$500 donation, pending the results of Randy's fundraising efforts from other donors. Since Randy does have other interested donors, it appears that this much-needed trailer will become a reality — if the Kalispels come through.

Donors will benefit by having their name and logo on the trailer, with the size proportional to their donation. In effect this would be a rolling billboard. The benefit to our club is that this would be easy to do as we have adequate funds in our Project Account and no volunteer work by our members would be needed.

Mar Don's Fish Habitat Project

Allan inquired as to the status of our decision on supporting Mar Don's fish habitat project and whether the Board had approved a donation to that cause.

The Board discussed this at our September and October 2019 meetings (copies of meeting minutes attached). At our October meeting we decided to learn more details about the project before donating. George Allen subsequently contacted Mike Meseberg at Mar Don's and got the answers to our questions, and that information is included in the October meeting minutes.

\$6,000 was an amount that we had discussed contributing during that discussion, however no decision was made.

Spring Campout — June 11-15, 2020 at Locust Grove Campground, Kettle Falls

Our reservations have been made. This year we moved the date back a week from Father's Day weekend, to avoid that conflict, and to avoid the opening of Sturgeon season, which had previously been on that weekend as well. However, it has not yet been determined by WDFW if there will be a Sturgeon season this year, and if so, when its opening date will be.

We have not yet voted to appropriate any money for the purchase of raffle prizes at the picnic. We usually have a raffle at the picnic.

Allan advised that he will not be able to attend this year's picnic.

The club will furnish the fish and the turkey, members are encouraged to bring a potluck dish for the picnic on Saturday and the breakfast on Sunday.

Fall Campout — September 10-14, 2020 at Fort Spokane

Note the change in the check-in date from Friday 9/11 to Thursday 9/10. There was some initial confusion with the Park Service as to our ability to check-in on Thursday. Greg has resolved that discrepancy and we are good to go for Thursday 9/10 at noon. Our reservations have been made. *Thanks, Greg!*

Christmas Awards Banquet & Costs

Last month we discussed having the club subsidize the cost of these meals as the Kettle Falls club does. Last year's costs were high and attendance had dropped off. Since this is our annual elections meeting a good membership turnout is desirous.

Last month we discussed subsidizing the members' costs above \$12.50 each, but no decision was made and we tabled this for further research and discussion. Also, members have noticed that our dining rooms have been too small (as we experienced last year and on a previous year at the Longhorn BBQ, although the food was good).

Smiley suggested holding this event at the INWC and having it catered. He suggested the Longhorn BBQ as a possibility as they are experienced caterers. Travis noted that we need to make a decision and get on the caterer's calendar as their holiday slots will start filling up. We need a chairperson to get this rolling.

The INWC has plenty of room and members have been happy with it on our August BBQ meetings, which are also well attended. Allan has reserved Sunday, December 6th at the INWC.

Monthly Speakers

Smiley asked Randy Osborne for a WDFW speaker to discuss the current state of affairs in Lake Roosevelt. We've had these speakers before and they were very well received.

Allan suggested that we have more of our own in-house veteran Walleye fishers, like Doug Nathan, Tom Fischer, and Bob Metier speak. All agreed. Member John Carruth has also presented and was very well received.

July & November Meetings

Allan has reserved the INWC for our July meeting on the last Wednesday of the month, the 29th.

Allan has also reserved Wednesday the 18th for our November meeting to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving.

Club ID Cards

Smiley reported that the Ace Hardware Fishing Hole advised him that previous members and non-members have been asking for the 10% discount that is offered to SWC members. He suggested that we implement membership cards to avert this problem and that it could be something as simple as one of our business cards with the member's name and dates of membership on them.

Raffle Donations

Stan Judd has obtained some donated items for our annual raffle and for our monthly meeting raffles from Cabela's and the General Store. *Thanks, Stan!*

Board Meeting Time

It was quite evident tonight that our board meeting ran too close to the start of the general membership meeting and that a change needs to be made. We need to either meet earlier, meet at a different location, or meet on a different day. There are pros and cons with each choice. Pending a decision by the board members.

Housekeeping

The INWC has complained that we are leaving the floor unswept after our meetings and if we don't change our ways they will charge us \$25 per incident.

Adjournment

6:47 PM

Next Board Meeting

To be determined

