

Spokane Walleye Club

Board Meeting: March 11, 2020 6:30 PM at Smiley's

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

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

Absent:

General Members Present: George Allen (Tournament Director)

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$2,315.42	\$13,113.30	\$9,023.35	\$24,452.07

Sixteen annual membership dues were paid at our February general membership meeting.

The February meeting's 50/50 drawing netted \$130.

February's meeting guest speaker, Mark Bové was paid \$30 to cover his expenses.

Raffle income to date is \$450. Allan and Greg Koch will be going shopping for our Big Horn and June Picnic raffle prizes.

ADDENDUM / UPDATE:

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Big Horn show was cancelled. The board voted via e-mail to hold the drawing now rather than carrying everything over to next year or refunding all the ticket buyers. The results are as follows:

- 1st prize - Greg Koch
- 2nd prize - Marc Phillips
- 3rd prize - Ron Douglas

Income	\$ 664.00
Expenses	\$1,171.14
Net Loss	\$ 507.14

The state gambling tax payment is still pending.

Outreach to New Members

Smiley would like to establish a white board to connect new members and guests with members willing to take them fishing and when. We have a whiteboard in the storage shed and Allan will obtain the markers.

June Picnic & Raffle

We have spent \$200-250 in the past. Larry moved and Ken seconded a motion to appropriate \$250 for this year's picnic. Carried unanimously.

George will do the shopping and cook the turkeys but will need someone to haul everything to the campground.

ADDENDUM / UPDATE:

With the ongoing COVID-19 shutdown it is uncertain as of this writing whether we will be able to have a June campout this year. We should make a decision on that fairly soon and will rely on Greg to contact the National Park Service to determine the status of the campground, our reservation, and any refund cut-off date they may have.

After Meeting Clean-up

Smiley advised that if we cannot get sufficient volunteers to clean-up the INWC after our meetings we will have to start assigning volunteers to avoid being charged for failure to clean-up. All agreed.

Monthly Meeting Speakers

Discussion was held on having some of our own members, such as Tom Fischer, Doug Nathan, Bob Metier, and John Carruth speak at our membership meetings as to their fishing methods and techniques. All agreed.

Rick Lawrence is in the holding pattern to speak on gill netting in Lake Pend Oreille.

Smiley will remind the membership to be respectful to any speakers on controversial or "political" issues.

Stan suggested that a representative from the Argonne Ace Hardware "Fishing Hole" also give a short presentation at our meetings as he is doing the door prize drawings for members who have made purchases there.

Advertisements

As evidenced by the great turnout at last month's general membership meeting, our advertising / publishing efforts are working. Smiley will continue to send material to the Spokesman-Review sports reporter, Alan Liere, and we will continue to advertise in the "Nickel Nic" and "Exchange" circulars.

General Meeting Breaks

Smiley wants to keep our breaks short and manageable. However, we recognize that this is also a good time to greet and welcome guests and new members.

Membership Cards

It was agreed that we should issue simple membership cards which will show the expiration date at the end of the member's term (1, 2, or 3 years). Existing members can pick theirs up at a meeting.

December Meeting

Smiled asked John to research caterers and he agreed to do so. Our goal is to have a quality meal at a reasonable price with the elbow room that the INWC provides and to thereby increase membership attendance.

Tournament

Discussion was held on our tournament issues and planning. The details are omitted here as they are now moot.

With the COVID-19 virus pandemic and the resulting uncertainties as to when the shutdown restrictions will be eased or lifted, the Board held an e-mail discussion and voted to cancel this year's tournament.

Future Board Meetings

It was decided to hold board meetings on the Wednesday two weeks before the scheduled general membership meetings. Smiley offered his home. *Thanks, Smiley!*

This meeting went very well with no rush, no noise, and no interruptions.

MEETINGS — ADDENDUM / UPDATE:

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the March general membership meeting was cancelled as well as the April board and general membership meetings.

Adjournment

8:02 PM

Next Meeting

To be determined based on the COVID-19 virus pandemic.