

Spokane Walleye Club

General Meeting: October 31, 2018

Officers Present: Doug Schroeder (President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Secretary)

Board Members Present: Larry Quaintance, Tom Fischer

Absent: Greg Koch, Greg Sherman, George Allen, Travis Scholten, Doug Nathan, Ken Shatzer

Members in Attendance: 18

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$1,008.25	\$13,076.22	\$10,003.65	\$24,088.12

Retained earnings carried forward since 2010 are (-\$668.49).

We have \$4,000 income for 2018 YTD. This year's retained earnings will be a "+" for the first time since 2010.

One member at-large is needed for our annual financial review committee so that the review can be completed before the end of the year. John Calkins volunteered.

"Sunshine" Report

Doug advised that Sharon Blume is recovering from her broken leg and has had three surgeries in 45 days. We will be sending a card and flowers.

Tom advised that Doug Nathan periodically checks-in with Evan & Jean Brooks.

Shirley Calkins was present tonight and is recovering OK from her recent surgery.

Fishing Reports

Lyle Phipps, Greg Koch, and Travis Scholten have recently caught & released some monster Walleyes in the 26," & 29-31" range at Texas Rapids. See the club website for pictures. They used Flicker Shad, Bengal Tiger, and Perch deep-diving plugs.

This past Saturday, Allan and Greg caught trout, perch, and a squawfish at Long Lake.

New Members & Guests — None tonight
By-Laws Committee

Our By-Laws were last amended five years ago. Since then, we have experienced unnecessary complications that go with the rotating board assignments and varying term lengths. The purpose of these proposed amendments is to simplify and streamline our board terms, assignments, and processes.

Allan has proposed that we retain the four executive positions, reduce the number of board members from seven to four, and dispense with the current rotating board assignments. Directors would serve two-year terms with two elected each year. The president would continue to be non-voting, except in cases of ties.

Allan recommends that the finance committee consist of the Vice-President, Treasurer, and one or more members at-large. This committee would audit the club's financial records before the January meeting. The treasurer would continue to be on the finance committee. By-Law committee member Bruce Wade disagreed and feels that the treasurer should not be on this committee.

Membership dues and fees would be set by the Board at the November meeting and not be subject to a vote of the general membership.

The Walleyes Unlimited provision in our current By-Laws would be deleted, as it is no longer in use.

The membership committee would consist of a director as the chair, the treasurer, and a third member at-large.

The publications committee would consist of the secretary as chair, a director as vice-chair, and a member at-large.

Allan will distribute a draft of these recommended changes by e-mail to the board within a week or two and they will be posted on the website for members' review. Please feel free to comment on those recommendations or to make any others.

The proposed changes must be read at the November and December meetings and passed by the membership to go into effect next year.

2019 Raffle

Doug advised that all of the prizes have been purchased.

- The assorted fishing gear for the first-place prize cost \$495 for \$720 in retail value, courtesy of Sportsman's Warehouse discounts. With additional donations, the value of this prize will be approximately \$800.
- The second-place prize is a Yeti cooler.

- The third-place prize is a Lew's Rod & Reel combo that we had left over from this year's raffle.

We still need a raffle chairman to oversee this important function.

Sportsman's Warehouse has agreed to let us set up a table in the store to sell raffle tickets. The Bighorn Show dates are March 21-24, 2019. Volunteers are needed for both locations.

Raffle tickets are expected to be available at the November meeting.

If all 5,000 tickets are sold, our net will be approximately \$4,000.

We will be sure to recognize individuals and businesses that donate prizes for the raffle.

2019 Spring Picnic — June 13-17, at Locust Grove Campground, Kettle Falls

As traditional, this year's picnic will be on Fathers' Day weekend. Greg made the reservations — the cost is \$320.

Fall Campout — Texas Rapids Campground, September 5-9, 2019

The Texas Rapids campground has no hook-ups, plenty of tent sites, free boat mooring, and camping is free.

For those who desire hook-ups, the nearby KOA Campground offers a 10% discount for club members off their regular price of \$34.75 per night. Our price would be \$31.28 + 8.5% tax.

KOA has ten RV sites with hook-ups, one tent site, and boat mooring (which has an additional charge).

Awards Banquet — Sunday, December 2, 2018, 1:00-2:30 PM

Timber Creek Buffet, 9211 E. Montgomery, Spokane Valley, WA 99206

We will again have a lure tree. Members will each receive one free ticket, and one ticket for each lure they bring for the tree.

2019 Board Elections

Doug volunteered to serve another year as president, and Allan and Mark agreed to serve another year as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. A Vice-President will be needed.

If the membership approves the proposed changes in the board structure, we will also need one board member for a one-year term (to complete a two-year term).

Speakers

Doug advised that we continue to have ongoing needs for speakers at our monthly meetings. Any suggestions, referrals, or recommendations are requested and appreciated.

Allan suggested that we have members who have a wealth of Walleye fishing knowledge who would be great speakers to share their experiences and techniques.

50/50 Drawing

Tonight's drawing prize was \$43.

Stan Judd brought in the Argonne Ace Hardware drawing bucket of SWC members' purchase receipts for prize drawings. (Kasey Kimble is no longer with Ace.)

Stan advised that Ace Hardware continues to offer 10% discounts to SWC members on the purchase of fishing gear. Put your name on your receipt and drop it in the bucket there to enter these drawings.

Presentation

Allan used our new projector to present Walleye videos that Greg had arranged for us. These topics addressed post spawn fishing in shallow water, jigging, and trolling crank baits. *Thank you Greg and Allan!*

Adjournment

8:27 PM

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The board will meet at 5:30 PM.