

Spokane Walleye Club

General Meeting: February 27, 2019

Officers Present: Doug Schroeder (President), Ken Shatzer (Vice-President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Secretary)

Board Members Present: George Allen, Travis Scholten, Larry Quaintance

Board Members Absent: none

Membership Attendance: 23

Treasurer's Report

		<u>As of February 4th</u>	
Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$693.63	\$13,085.03	\$9,008.75	\$22,787.41

Our taxes have been paid.

Guests Randy Moore and Rich Wiley. And guest speaker Mike Wilkinson from WDFW. *Welcome!*

New Members None

Fishing Reports

Allan reported that he and Greg Koch recently did ice fishing at Cascade Lake in Idaho for two days and caught a bunch of nice Perch.

George reported on the Columbia Point Walleye Tournament last Saturday. The big fish was 13 pounds.

Sunshine Report

Doug reported that Sharon Blume is continuing to improve.

George reported that his wife Linda is also continuing to recuperate and that her chemotherapy treatments are going well.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

2018 Special Appreciation Award

Doug presented Allan with our Special Appreciation Award for 2018 for the outstanding work he has done as treasurer and for his many continuing contributions to our club's efforts and accomplishments. *Thank you Allan!*

2018 “Doorknob” Award

With the dearth of really award-worthy incidents this year, Greg won by default for his accidental nocturnal car alarm activation at the Texas Rapids campground in October. Travis, our 2017 winner (*for a really good one*), was pleased to pass the trophy along to Greg.

Raffle Ticket Sales

Doug reported that we sold 211 tickets last Saturday at Sportsman’s Warehouse.

Big Horn Show — March 21-24, 2019 at the Fairgrounds

Doug advised that we still need volunteers to sign-up to work our booth. Travis has the sign-up list; please see him to volunteer. *We still need a chairperson for the event.*

Booth Set-Up — Tuesday, March 19, at 9:00 AM at INWC

We will need volunteers, including some with pickup trucks, to help clean, transport, and set-up our booth. George, Ken, Larry, and Mark volunteered. Please contact George if you can help.

Kids Fishing Weekend — May 4-5, 2019 at Clear Lake

WDFW has requested a donation from us. The board voted tonight to make a \$500 donation, which is what we have done in years past.

As always, club volunteers are needed to help staff this event. Come one, come all.

The Ronald McDonald House kids will fish Friday afternoon.

The start of the event on Saturday will be the briefing at 7:00 AM. Breakfast will be served.

Assembly of rods and reels will be at the INWC on April 9th beginning at 5:30 PM. The more volunteers we have, the quicker this gets done.

Banks Lake Tournament — May 18-19, 2019

George advised that he has obtained a commitment for a \$300 donation from “Desert Green.” He is reaching out to other potential sponsors and has a trip to Coulee City planned. *Club volunteers are needed to staff this event.* The club will cover two nights of camping fees for members who volunteer to help.

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

Members are encouraged to plan ahead for attendance at this event. This is our largest and most well attended event of the year and is always well received. The campground has been reserved and there is no cost for members to attend. Turkey and fish will be provided at the picnic and members are encouraged to bring a dish for the potluck on Saturday afternoon.

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

There is no cost to camp, launch, or dock here. The nearby KOA campground is also available for club members at a 10% discount, for those who prefer hook-ups, which Texas Rapids does not have.

Christmas Banquet Awards Luncheon

All options are still on the table and all suggestions are welcome. Last month, Smiley volunteered to help with this. *Thank you, Smiley!*

Guest Speakers

Tonight's guest speaker will be Mark Wilkinson from the WDFW. He will discuss invasive species.

Next month's speakers will be Aaron and Kyle from Mark's Marine. They will discuss the latest on Lowrance fish finders.

Doug advised of having the US Coast Guard Auxiliary speak at our May meeting on boating safety and also conducting boat safety inspections for interested members at that meeting.

Depending on the level of member participation, it may be somewhat crowded in the INWC parking lots for maneuvering boat trailers.

We will endeavor to get the winners of our tournament to speak at our August meeting.

Membership & Dues

Annual membership dues are now overdue. Dues are \$30 per year for family membership. Allan sent dues reminder cards out in December; please see him with any questions.

By-Law Change Proposal

The board unanimously approved moving forward with this and Doug conducted the first reading at tonight's general membership meeting. The proposed change is as follows:

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE — ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2, paragraph 2

Election of Officers shall be at the ~~January~~ *December* meeting, and a majority vote of the members present shall elect. All Executive Officers so elected shall hold office for one (1) year. The election of the Director positions will coincide with the election of Executive Officers. The term of office shall begin ~~from date of election on~~ *January 1st* and shall terminate with the election of new officers. Any member will be permitted to serve only two (2) terms as President consecutively.

Proposed deletions indicated by ~~striketrough~~, and proposed additions indicated in *italics*.

The second reading will be done at our March meeting to be followed by a vote of the members present.

Lake Pend Orielle Walleye Bounty Program

Shirley Calkins reported on this program being conducted by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game wherein fifty Walleye have been implanted with a chip. Those fish will be worth \$1,000 each to anglers who turn them in. IDFW is trying to rid Lake Pend Orielle of Walleye. See IDFG.Idaho.Gov for further details.

The north end of the lake is where most of the Walleye live.

Periodic Informal Get-Togethers

Travis proposed periodic informal get-togethers, perhaps twice per season, for members to socialize (e.g., back yard, or a bar), as we really can't do much of that on club fish days. The members present were positive on this idea.

Northwest Turkey Federation (NWTF) Presentation

Alyssa, from this organization, gave a brief presentation about their new club and its upcoming banquet.

Guest Speaker

Mike Wilkinson from WDFW gave a most interesting — and frightening — presentation on invasive species, particularly the Zebra / Quagga mussels, the history on how they got to our country and how they have spread via boaters. We do not have them in Idaho or Washington and maximum efforts are being made to keep them out.

Mike stressed the importance for all of us to be aware of this threat and to thoroughly inspect, clean, and dry our boats to make sure that we do not spread this horrible menace — for which there is no known remedy.

Adjournment

8:30 PM

The next general membership meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the INWC.