

Spokane Walleye Club

General Meeting: July 31, 2019 7:00 PM at INWC

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

Board Members Present: John Calkins, George Allen, Travis Scholten

Absent: Ken Shatzer, Allan Walker, Larry Quaintance

Members Signed-in: 18

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$3,577.86	\$13,095.79	\$9,014.31	\$25,687.96

Guests

Dave & Shane Garnett *Welcome!*

Fishing Reports

Travis has been fishing the Snake River since early June (most recently last Saturday) and reports that the catching has been outstanding with several Walleye trophies (all released) and eaters boated. He had the best success using purple lures, in bright sun, at about 20' +/- along the weed beds. The wind has been brutal at times.

Ken Lofquist (not here tonight) and his partner each caught a limit of nice eaters on the Spokane Arm last week.

Greg Koch fished the area of Buoy 7 and above on the Spokane Arm last Saturday. He landed several Walleye, as well as some Trout and Bass. He had the best success casting crankbaits along the mudlines at 5-15'; 30-35' was not productive.

Mike Cook fished at Kettle Falls last night and reported that it was slow.

Sunshine Report

Linda Allen has completed her chemotherapy and continues to improve. She may have to have another surgery of a relatively minor nature.

Sharon Blume continues to improve and is up and around.

George Allen will be having open-heart surgery on August 13th and will likely miss our August meeting.

Doug Schroeder will be having shoulder replacement surgery later this month. He will miss our August meeting and will also not be able to attend the Fall Campout.

Guest Speakers

Tonight's guest speaker will be Mike Cook, who took second place in our 2019 Tournament.

Doug suggested that for the August meeting we have a member "round table," with members briefly discussing a particular fishing method or technique that works well for them.

Travis volunteered to speak at the September meeting. Tonight he displayed several lures (plugs) that he had painted (air-brushed) and will discuss and demonstrate his techniques for this in September.

He also is willing to paint lures for members at \$7 each, or \$6 each for multiples of the same pattern. The materials for this are expensive.

Travis advised that Cabela's currently has their Walleye Runners on sale for \$4 each. The stock colors aren't that great, but Travis paints them to suit.

Brent Surplus ("Reel Sportsman" producer) will speak at the October (or possibly later) meeting.

2020 Tournament

Our Banks Lake Tournament will be held on May 23 & 24th, the weekend before Memorial Day. George Allen will again be our tournament director. Travis Scholten is working on an appeal letter to prospective sponsors. Doug stressed the need for us to start work early on this project.

2020 Spring Picnic

Our annual Spring Picnic will again be at the Kettle Falls Locust Grove group campground on June 11-15th. Greg has made the reservations. The problem we wish to avoid this time is being there after Sturgeon season has opened. Doug advised that he would check with the WDFW to ascertain when that will be. If necessary, there is a nominal fee to change our reservations; we would make them a week earlier if that happens.

Note the correction of the dates; last month's General Meeting minutes reported the dates as June 4-8th and May's reported them as June 13-17th.

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.

2019 Christmas / Awards Banquet Luncheon

The luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 1st at Players & Spectators in Spokane Valley. The menu choices are Salmon or Prime Rib at \$24 each. A head count is needed and members should contact Greg Koch with their RSVP at their earliest opportunity.

Thanks again to member Brad Tufto for his work and research on this.

By-Law Review

Four printed copies of the proposed By-Law revisions (which have also been posted on our website) were circulated among the membership tonight to satisfy the first reading requirement. They will be circulated again and voted upon at our August meeting. No feedback was received tonight.

Club Fish Day

Greg Koch advised that our next club fish day will be on Saturday, August 10th at Lake Pend Orielle; meet at 8:00 AM at the Sandpoint City Beach.

Sadly, the Idaho Department of Fish and Wildlife is continuing their war against Walleye at this lake. It is illegal to release a Walleye back into the water. They have also tagged fifty Walleye, each redeemable for \$1,000.

Guest Speaker

Member Mike Cook gave an excellent presentation, which was very well received, on the baits and techniques he and his partner used in our Banks Lake Tournament in May. They took second place.

It is noteworthy that the weight of fish they caught was greater than the first place weights of all prior tournaments there. This year, the first place team caught their big fish just minutes before the closing time on the second day.

Adjournment

8:20 PM

Next Meetings

Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 PM at the INWC, BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. It is requested that everyone bring a potluck side dish.

The board will meet at 5:30 PM.