

Spokane Walleye Club

- General Meeting:** January 29, 2020 7:00 PM at INWC
- Officers Present:** Smiley Hatcher (President), Ken Shatzer (Vice-President), Mark McFall (Secretary)
- Board Members Present:** John Calkins, Larry Quaintance, Travis Scholten, Stan Judd
- Absent:** Allan Walker (Treasurer), out of town
- Members Signed-in:** 32

Treasurer's Report

Allan is out of town. Refer to October's report and next month's.

Guests and New Members

Bill _____, Lynn _____ (recently retired), Thad Lemon, Vince and Nancy _____, Donny Jones (30-year fisherman, Tri-Cities Club, and was a guest in October), Mark (returning), Gene and Jo Ott, and guest speakers Bill and Taylor Gamble.

Welcome All!!

Fishing Reports

A report of fishing between Porcupine Bay and McCoy resulting in 35-50 fish, but with lots of dinks. Avocado, red flake, darker colors, and chartreuse lures at depth and on long lines are what was used.

Bill was successful at Blue Creek at 60-90'.

Sanford Foster and Rudy fished south of Porcupine Bay at 100'.

Larry Q. also fished at 100' at Porcupine Bay.

Club Subsidy of Christmas Banquet Costs

Mark raised the issue with Smiley and discussion was held regarding the club subsidizing the members' costs, as the Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club (LRWC) does, and making this function a membership benefit. (LRWC subsidizes all but \$15 of the meal cost and their turnouts are always robust.)

Our December banquet was very nice, but the cost was high and attendance was lower than it has been in the past. Some member feedback on this pointed to the

higher costs. Since December is our elections meeting, a good attendance at this meeting would be most desirable.

Tom Fischer suggested that instead of voting on this now we explore establishments for this year's banquet with an eye to finding a lower price and one with more room to accommodate a greater turnout. We would then have a better idea of what our subsidy costs would be and could decide from there. We would have to get started on this soon so as not to have all of this left to do until too close to December so members can plan . Tabled until the February meeting.

Annual Raffle and Big Horn Show — Spokane Co. Fairgrounds, March 19-22, 2020

Greg Koch has obtained the raffle tickets and they are here tonight. Volunteer sign-up sheets to work the Big Horn Show have been prepared and are also here tonight. Volunteers are requested to sign-up to work the two-hour shifts at our booth and to check out some raffle tickets tonight and begin selling.

This is a good event to have some camaraderie, get to know other members, and to promote the club to the show attendees. We always end up gaining some new members as a result.

We had some board members volunteer to set up and tear down the booth, but need to firm-up the volunteers for this at our February meeting. If you can help, please advise. The more participants we have, the quicker and easier this goes.

We still need a booth chairperson to oversee the booth sign-ups and staffing and to manage the tickets. We also need a raffle chair to purchase the prizes.

Kids Fishing — May 2, 2020 at Clear Lake

Randy Osborne of WDFW has scheduled a planning meeting at their facility for February 19th at 6:00 PM. Mark and Linda McFall and Doug Schroeder will attend.

As always, club volunteers will be needed to prepare the fishing rods and to work the event, which is very well attended. There was a big turnout last year.

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.

Tom Fischer pointed out the need for a double-basket cooker to replace our single-basket model. He advised the cost would be around \$70 and he will shop for one.

Banks Lake Tournament — May 15 & 16, 2020

George Allen is our tournament director. He is continuing to work on obtaining sponsors and is promoting the event in the tournament angler community. He has also obtained the necessary state permit.

This is our biggest annual fundraiser and member volunteers are needed to make the event a success. Camping will be at Coulee Playland and the club will cover two nights of camp fees for club volunteers.

Special Appreciation Award

Since George was not in attendance at our Christmas Awards Banquet, Smiley presented him with his 2019 Special Appreciation recognition for his tireless efforts and successes as our Tournament Director in 2019 *and* 2018.

July Meetings

Tonight the board voted to establish membership meetings in July, which we had not previously held.

Fall Campout — September 11-14, 2020 at Fort Spokane

Greg Koch has made the reservations. Of note is that the 11th is on Friday and Greg was not able to make the reservation for Thursday, which has been our usual check-in day in past years. Greg has a request in to the Park Service to see if we can check-in at noon on Thursday. More to follow.

November Meeting Date

Our November meeting date has been moved up one week. The problem in the past has been when the last Wednesday of the month falls on the day before Thanksgiving.

Speaker Presentation

Bill and Taylor Gamble, (owners of Gamble's Tackle Shop, on the west side of Hwy 2 north of Hawthorne and behind Frank's Dinner,), gave an excellent presentation on various Walleye fishing techniques and lures that many of us had never tried. These included the "Tokyo Rig," various swim bait and tube rigs, trolling jerk baits, liquid and gel scents, and adding egg sinkers to bottom bouncers.

Their presentation was very well received. *Thank You!*

Gamble's Tackle Shop is fairly new and is loaded with goodies. Members are encouraged to stop in and check it out.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

8:39 PM. The next board meeting is at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the INWC, followed by the general membership meeting at 7:00 PM.