

Spokane Walleye Club

General Meeting: April 28, 2021 7:00 PM at the INWC

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

Board Members Present: Larry Quaintance, Travis Scholten, Stan Judd

Absent: Allan Walker (Treasurer), John Calkins

Members Signed-in: 17

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$723.95	\$13,134.12	\$11,036.60	\$24,894.67

Allan filed our 2020 federal tax return, which was accepted by the IRS.

Allan also filed our Washington state sales tax return.

It was decided not to renew the vehicle license registration on our tournament trailer.

Smiley reminded members to refrain from side conversations or take them outside during the meeting as they interfere with the speakers. Also, we need some volunteers to stay after the meeting to help put the tables and chairs away and to sweep the floor.

Smiley advised that due to effectively no club activity last year membership dues will be carried over through this year.

While we have scheduled our club meetings through the rest of the year, Smiley advised that could change as the Covid cases are again increasing and we could find ourselves back in "Phase 2" with all of the meeting restrictions that apply. Stay tuned for further developments.

Guests and New Members

Jim — a new member since the beginning of last year (before the pandemic).

Ken & Debbie _____ and Harry Johnson— guests.

Welcome!

Mark's Marine

Merlin Thykeson, club member and owner of Mark's Marine, advised that although our club will not be holding a tournament this year he will continue as a sponsor for this year's Banks Lake Gordon Steinmetz tournament.

The usual seminars that Mark's Marine conducts in the spring have been cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Fishing Reports

Travis fished one day last week at Porcupine Bay and was successful. He used blade baits and was catching at 25-40' depth.

Greg fished at Porcupine Bay four times in the last month and was successful, catching 16, 9, 16, and 11. He fished the areas of Marker 5, Buoy 7, Buoy 1, and the Weeping Wall (1/2 mile upstream from Buoy 1). Greg noted that Buoy 5 is usually a productive spot. He fished downstream at .5 MPH plus the current's speed. He used bottom bouncers with Smile Blades, or metal spinners in brighter light.

Smiley reported that on the March fish day at Ft. Spokane the fish were caught deep at 80-90'.

Next Club Fish Day

Larry advised that our next fish day will be on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at Porcupine Bay. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the boat ramp. Members are encouraged to meet at the ramp at that time, even if they arrive early, to help new members and guests.

The problem in the past has been members launching and scattering leaving new members and guests to fend for themselves, oftentimes in unfamiliar waters. This went much better at last month's fish day and should be the template for how we do them going forward.

North American Fishing Challenge Tournament — June 19, 2021

Smiley briefed on the particulars of this tournament. It is a national tournament and contestants can fish at any lake. Fish caught are photographed and submitted via a provided cell phone application. The longest fish is the winner. Four species of fish are eligible: Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Pike, and Panfish.

The entry fee is \$100 per person with a minimum of two entrants for a team. This is a charitable fundraiser for the Adult and Teen Challenge drug rehabilitation organization. There will be \$85,000 in prizes. For every \$500 in contributions raised, one drawing chance will be issued to win the grand prize, a Lund 1650 Rebel XL.

Further information and entry is available at NAFishingChallenge.org.

Speaker Presentation

Greg used our projector and gave a great presentation on the Spokane Arm using Google Earth and Navionics maps to show good fishing spots and hazards. *Very well received! Thank you, Greg!*

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Membership Meeting

May 26, 2021 7:00 PM at the INWC.