

## **Spokane Walleye Club**

- General Meeting:** May 26, 2021. 7:00 PM at the 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) - traveling
- Members Signed-in:** 27

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pending Allan's return.

Last meeting's (April) finances were read.

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### **Guests and New Members:**

Mike \_\_\_\_\_, Billy \_\_\_\_\_, Tony \_\_\_\_\_, Dan \_\_\_\_\_, Steve Knutson

*Welcome!*

### **Fishing Reports**

George Allen's friend did well fishing from the bank downstream from Nine Mile Dam using planer boards.

Larry reported on the club fish day last Wednesday, May 19th. Initially there were concerns about the weather and only two boats showed up. Larry and Ken boated four Walleye, but they were small and went back. Fishing was slow.

### **Tournament and Tournament Trailer**

Smiley discussed that our annual tournaments have historically involved a great deal of work, yet have not returned much revenue to the club. Membership interest in continuing to do these tournaments has declined. There were no arguments in favor of hanging on to our tournament at the recent board meeting or at the general membership meeting tonight.

The Lower Columbia Walleye tournament group expressed interest in taking over our Banks Lake tournament since we will not be doing it this year. This group runs the series of Walleye tournaments in this region and is interested in adding the Banks Lake tournament to their circuit. That looks like a great place for it!

The club built and has owned our 30' tournament trailer for about nineteen years. It has served us well during that time, but with our decision to get out of the tournament business it is time to sell it.

Smiley asked for a show of hands to approve this sale. It was unanimous.

George Allen advised that he has two groups who have expressed an interest in the trailer; the Lower Columbia Walleye group and a Bass club. He will follow up with them tomorrow to determine just how interested they are. He will entertain any purchase offers from them and advise. A member also suggested that if we can't sell it locally we could try advertising it in the Southeast as there are many fishing tournaments there.

Spring Picnic — Kettle Falls Locust Grove Group Campground, June 10 - 14th.

Arrivals are permitted at noon on Thursday, June 10th. Check-out is 10:00 AM on Monday, June 14th.

Travis and George will cook the turkey and fish for the Saturday picnic (about noon). Everyone is asked to bring a pot luck side-dish. Ditto for breakfast on Sunday morning.

Travis and Greg stressed the importance of experienced members taking guests and new members out fishing to show them the ropes. Smiley will put up a white board at the campground pavilion where experienced members can put their names on one side of the board and guests and new members can put their names on the other side so that we can more easily accomplish these match-ups.

Saturday will also be the opening day for Sturgeon season and the boat ramps and trailer parking areas are certain to be very congested.

Speaker Presentation

Our very own Tom Fischer, a highly accomplished jig fisherman, gave us an outstanding presentation on the gear and techniques he uses. *Thanks Tom!*

Adjournment

8:16 PM

Next Meeting

At the June Picnic.