

Spokane Walleye Club

General Meeting: May 31, 2023. 7:00 PM at the INWC

Officers Present: Chuck Dunning (President), Ken Shatzer (Vice President), Allan Walker (Treasurer), Mark McFall (Acting Secretary, tonight only)

Board Members Present: George Allen, Gary Sweigert

Absent: Lloyd Spooner, Rick Bernard, Larry Quaintance

Members Signed-in: 34

Treasurer's Report

Checking	Project	Club	Total
\$853.67	\$12,915.99	\$7,000	\$20,769.66

Fishing Reports

Mike O'Donnell fished between the Little Dalles and Kettle Falls over Mothers' Day weekend. He caught four good eaters each day.

Jim _____ recently fished at Porcupine Bay above Buoys 5 and 7. He was also successful and used a three hook worm harness to catch some nice eaters.

Chuck Dunning, George Allen, and Merlin Thykeson were also successful on our last club fish day at Fort Spokane.

Chuck also caught a big Kokanee recently at Hayden Lake.

Big Horn Prize Winner

Bruce Brewer won our second place raffle prize and was at tonight's meeting to collect it. *Congratulations Bruce, and thank you for your support of the club and our Kids Fishing effort!*

Storage Shed clean-out, organization, and inventory — Saturday, June 3rd

The forthcoming clean-out and inventory of our storage shed at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council is this coming Saturday at 10:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to help, and the more we have the quicker this will go.

Spring Picnic — June 15-18 at Locust Grove Group Campground, Kettle Falls

This is our main event of the year and is the most popular one. There is no cost to members for camping in the group campground. Chuck and George will do the cooking (turkey and fish) for the meal on Saturday (around noon) and members are

encouraged to bring a dish for pot luck. There will also be a pot luck breakfast on Sunday morning around 9:00 AM.

Chuck will handle our informal fishing contest on Saturday. There will be a rod and reel prize for the largest Walleye and a booby prize for the smallest fish (of any species). There will be no weighing of fish caught, a photo will be sufficient. We will also hold our usual raffle and 50/50 drawing, and there will be several prizes as well as door prizes. Allan is also donating the remainder of Sam Henrich's (R.I.P.) fishing gear as prizes.

Fall Campout

Tentatively scheduled for September 8-10 at Hunters' Group Campground. Stay tuned for further details.

Future Meetings and Speakers

For the forthcoming July - December monthly meetings, Chuck is planning ahead and wants to start getting guest speakers lined-up. One would be a representative from one of the Indian Tribes. George suggested a representative from Mack's Lures. Allan suggested Jon Greer from Interstate Batteries. Another good choice would be Merlin Thykeson of Mark's Marine to discuss boat winterization. Chuck suggested some of our long-time members such as Tom Fischer, Doug Nathan, Bob Ploof, Bob Metier, John Carruth, and Travis Scholten to discuss their various areas of Walleye fishing expertise.

There will be no monthly meeting in November. For the December meeting, the board concurred with Chuck's recommendation to again hold the meeting at the INWC and have it catered by the same company, "A Catered Affair," that did the last two December meetings as those were both well received.

Future Fish Days for July and August

Chuck advised that we really need to plan a gathering at these events. Members showing up, launching their boats, and scattering just doesn't work. He suggested a pancake breakfast and/or a lunch. We also need to figure a way to match-up new members with those willing to take them out. Previous efforts at doing this have not worked well. Suggestions are welcome.

Gary will look into launches and gathering places at Long Lake. We will revisit these issues at the Spring Picnic.

Speaker Presentation

Allen Walker gave us an excellent presentation, with slides, on "Allen's Walleye Tips" — various techniques and methods that have worked well for him over the years — which was very well received. *Thank you, Allan!*

Allen's Resignation

Allen announced that he will soon be moving out of state and is therefore resigning from the club immediately. He advised that he will help the new treasurer transition into the position.

After thirteen years as a club member, expert Walleye fisherman and teacher, and eleven years as our exemplary treasurer, Allan will be sorely missed and is leaving some big shoes to fill.

All the best wishes on your next chapter, Allan. And thank you for your invaluable service to the club.

Adjournment

8:05 PM

Next Meeting

At the Spring Picnic.