

Keowee Anglers Board Meeting Minutes July 02, 2020

Attending: Bob Stromberg, Mark Yarborough, Dave Goeckel, Don Lenahan, Bill Smith, Dan Eskew, Rick Sommer, Tom Tamanini.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Stromberg at 8:30am at the Cane Creek Landing Picnic Area.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Yarborough

- Bank Balance is \$4,603.68
- Membership Total - 128
- We have 41 lure covers in inventory

Tournament Director's Report –Paul Yazel was not present and no specific report, but fall tournament decisions will depend on Covid-19 status as the situation becomes clearer.

Program Director's Report – Rick Sommer/Tom Tamanini – no report at this time, meetings suspended due to Covid-19.

Adopt an Island Update – Dave Goeckel/Rick Sommer - Islands 1C, 3, 3B', & 3B" that we have agreed to monitor are in good condition with no large objects. A follow up form was submitted to the FOLKS office showing completion of the islands monitoring.

Anglers Angle – Bob Stromberg/Don Lenahan

- Anglers Angle – Tips - For the month of June there were 9 tips sent out. Don and Bob will continue to look for tips as deemed of value to our membership.
- Real Time Fishing Reports - For the month of June reports submitted were as follows:

8 Board Members	56	63%
7 Other KA Members	33	37%

- June was the 4th month in a row that we had 80 or more reports (81, 130, 94, 89) submitted. The 15 members that submitted reports are the least number of members submitting reports since January's 14 members. It is the second month in a row of a decline in members submitting reports.
- 56 reports came from 3 board and 1 non board member combined. The summer slow bite and increased boat traffic probably will continue to have fewer members fishing and reporting.
- There were 30 days in June and reports were submitted for all but 3 days, all weekend days.

- Here are the number of reports submitted by range and number of members.

Number of <u>Reports Submitted</u>	Number of <u>Members</u>	% of members <u>Reprting</u>
1 to 5	10	67%
6 to 10	1	7%
11 or more	4	26%
	15	100%

- Bob sent out an email thanking those 15 members that submitted reports in June to recognize them for contributing to the clubs goal of catching more bass.

Website Administrator - Bill W Smith

- Our website had 228 visits in June, up from 161 in May. Total of 714 page views. Site had no known performance issues.
- All web changes agreed to in June board meeting were made.
- Board minutes from past 12 months will be maintained on the web site on the Board page.
- Bill will be including interesting or educational pictures on the website.

Old Business

- Co-Webmaster open position – No one has volunteered. Bill indicated there is no immediate need. We will stop asking for volunteers for the time being.
- Co-Tournament Director open position – no one has volunteered.
- What's Next – the monthly meetings, tournament schedule, and workshops are all temporarily suspended through end of August due to Covid-19. The October "Fishing on Lake Keowee" Class by Bill Walker is still scheduled as of now.

New Business

- Rule change to eliminate tournament caught fish from Annual Longest Fish competition—Don Lenahan. The board approved the wording suggested by Bob Stromberg as follows:
 - All bass caught in a KA tournament can only be used to compete for prize awards in that tournament, both team and big bass. You cannot withhold entering your catch and enter it into the annual big bass contest.
 - All other species caught (i.e. bluegill, crappie, catfish, etc.) can be entered into the annual big fish contest.
- There was a long discussion about Don's proposal to maintain a record of all Longest Fish caught both in tournaments and outside tournaments, including those that are currently eliminated from Longest Fish Competition when an angler enters a longer fish, as well as the proposal for a new Angler of the Year Award. The motion to initiate such an award was defeated. The consensus was that the tournament records offer the best controlled statistics we will get for measuring the state of fishing on the lake.

- The Board agreed that New Business proposals for Board consideration and addition to the agenda should be submitted by separate email rather than attached to an existing email chain. In addition, motions for consideration by the Board should be made only at Board meetings, except in extenuating circumstances. There should be no e-mail voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Eskew
Co-Secretary