

**Keowee Anglers Board Minutes (Draft)**  
**October 10, 2019 - 8:30 AM**

**Attending: Doug Jansen, Bob Stromberg, Paul Yazel, Bill Walker, Mark Yarborough, Gary Kuba, Rick Sommer, Harry Elrod**

**Call Meeting to Order – Doug Jansen**

**Treasurer's Report - Mark Yarborough/John Wilson**

- Bank Balance: \$3775.02
- Membership Total: 132
- Inventory: 51 Lure Covers and 3 hat bands

**Tournament Director's Report – Bill Walker/Gary Kuba**

- October Tournament Comments
  - Teams caught more fish this year (89) vs 2018 (63) with the same number of teams.
  - Fish caught were slightly smaller than last year by about an inch with none being over 19"
- November Tournament
  - 1 reminder email has been sent after the original announcement
  - 34 members signed up with two more promised
  - 12 more experienced fisherman and 22 less experienced anglers at this point
  - 17 boaters and 17 non-boaters
  - 32 of the registrants have caught a fish in a previous tournament
  - Registration ends on October 16
- Paul Yazel has volunteered to be the new Tournament Co-Director starting immediately. Bill has retired and we thank him for his years of dedication/service to the club and the director position. He will be missed in this position.
- Annual Longest Fish Standings
  - The current status is up to date and posted on the website
  - Gary and Paul plan to change the procedure to be a website entry form email of the picture. Charles has already set up the form and tested it. Paul will work with Charles to determine if there is any way to include the picture with the form (current thought is it is not possible). As soon as this is set, we will send out an announcement regarding the new procedure.

- Report on October Fishing Class
  - Bill just finished this year’s class, and received many thanks and positive comments. Twenty people attended, 5 of whom were already members of the Keowee Anglers. One other person joined the club at the class, and one asked to take a membership form home with him.
  - The presentation for the class is 29MB and is too large to email. Bill will work with the Website Administrator to post on the website under Useful Information a .PDF version of the presentation that only has copies of the slides, and reserve for the flash drive going to the tournament directors the PowerPoint version that includes not only the slides, but also all the notes about each slide and can more easily be projected as a slide show.
  - The Board discussed the relatively low member participation rate for our tournaments and agreed that the Tournament Directors should send a survey to a number of non-participants seeking information about their reasons for not taking advantage of these opportunities

**Program Director’s Report – Rick Sommer/Tom Tamanini**

- Jesse Elder from N & C Marina will be the speaker at the December meeting.
- It is intended to hold the fishing Workshop again next March
- Rick requested ideas from Board members for future programs

**Adopt an Island Update - Dave Goeckel**

- No report

**Anglers Angle – Bob Stromberg/Don Lenahan**

- For the month of September there were 12 tips sent out, about 3 a week. We will continue to send out tips as deemed appropriate with major focus on seasonal tips.

**Real Time Fishing Reports – Bob Stromberg/Don Lenahan**

- For the month of September reports submitted were as follows:

<b>9 Board Members</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>6 Other KA Members</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25%</b>

- Board members again dominated the submission of “Real Time Reports”.
- The 11 other KA member reports came from 6 members. 4 members submitted 2 reports each. Total submissions were down 12 reports from August which was 56 reports.
- We will continue our program to periodically sent out reminder emails to encourage submissions of Real Time Reports. We will also continue our

“Monthly Prize” drawing trial through the end of the year and re-evaluate the programs intent encourage submissions.

### **September Real Time Report Monthly Prize Drawing – Bob Stromberg/Don Lenahan**

- The drawing for the September winner was held at the tournament luncheon. The winner was Dan Singleton. He was the winner of a KVD Splash Popper topwater lure. For each real time report submitted during a calendar month an entry for the prize drawing is gained as long as the report provides enough information to be meaningful and meets the required information.
- After 3 months of the program reports have not increased to say so far this program has resulted in an increase of reports.
- At the luncheon it was reinforced of the importance of submitting real time reports so members can know what is going on in real time. Lots of members still don't submit reports when they fish.

### **Website Administrator - Charles Townson/Paul Yazel**

- For the month of September, the club had 171 visitors to the web site for a total of 276 sessions. The "Anglers Angle" and "Tournament Registration" pages were the most visited locations on the website. Each board member has also had their access to the website extended until 9/30/2020 in the software. There were no other issues or problems noted.

### **Old Business**

#### **DNR Fish Attractors/Plantings Volunteers – Doug Jansen**

- Doug will contact Dan Rankin to get the schedule for future fish attractor placements
- Only one volunteers showed up for the habitat improvement plantings in September

#### **Posting of Keowee Anglers Informational CD on Website – Bill Walker**

- Much of the information has been posted to the Website. Posting of the Fishing Class PDF will complete this item

### **Kids Fishing Tournament – Rick Sommer**

- While the Board agreed that this is a good idea in theory, the issue of liability is too much of a potential problem to proceed.

### **New Business**

#### **Tournament Co-Director Replacement for Bill – Bill Walker**

- The Board expressed gratitude to Bill for many years of excellent service in this challenging role, and welcomed Paul Yazel as Bill's successor.

#### **New Website Co-Administrator**

- Bill W. Smith has stepped up to replace Paul Yazel in this role

#### **Back-up for Treasurer**

- John Wilson is resigning as Co-Treasurer. Rather than naming a backup for Mark, Doug Jansen will be added to the signature card at the Bank

#### **Proposal for Tournament Rule Change: Number of Rods while Trolling – Don Lenahan**

- The Board agreed to make no further changes to the Tournament Rules prior to the November tournament. This issue will be revisited at the November Board meeting when Don Lenahan can be present.

With no further business, Doug adjourned the meeting at 09:40.