

Keowee Anglers Board Minutes

September 12, 2019 - 8:30 AM

Attending: Doug Jansen, Bill Walker, Gary Kuba, Bob Stromberg, Charles Townson, Paul Yazel, Rick Sommer, Mark Yarborough, Dan Eskew Harry Elrod

Doug Jansen called the meeting to order at 8:30 in the conference room of the Keowee Key Community Operations complex.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Yarborough/John Wilson

- Bank Balance: \$4033.52
- Membership Total: 126
- Inventory: 57 lure covers and 3 hatbands

Tournament Director's Report Bill Walker/Gary Kuba

- Deadline for the registration for the October tournament was yesterday at midnight. The registration is as follows:
 - We have 48 people who have registered to fish in the tournament. The good news is that we have an even number of registrants. However, the club's new policy of classifying all members as B's who don't have a boat, has contributed to our having more B's than A's signed up for this tournaments. For this tournament 19 As and 29 Bs have registered.
 - The bad news is that 23 registrants have boats, and 25 registrants do not. AND we have 3 Wednesday-only registrants and One Thursday-only registrant. So one Wednesday-day-only registrant and the Thursday-only registrant won't be able to be matched and will be placed on the standby list. Unfortunately, two of the Wednesday-only registrants have boats, so we can't use that to solve our boat problem So we are a boat short of having a fishing boat for each team.
 - So for starters, after the board meeting, I will send out an appeal for one more member with a fishing boat to sign up for the tournament, or one member who has already registered as not having a fishing boat even though they really have one to be willing to use their fishing boat in the tournament.
 - In response to Bill's request for ideas to solve the boat shortage, board members suggested some registrants who listed themselves as non-boaters that could be contacted about their willingness to use their boat.
- For the fishing class in October we now have 18 people on the interest list, 6 of whom are relatively new members in the club. In a couple of weeks I'll send them an email asking them to confirm their intention to come to the class. On October 1 we have one more opportunity to staff a table at Newcomers and at more people to the list.

Program Director’s Report – Tom Tamanini/Rick Sommer

- No speakers or topics for future meetings are yet identified
- Suggestions from the Board included :
 - Speaker with expertise in outboard motors
 - Contact Dan Rankin with DNR to determine if he has additional data that hasn’t previously been presented
 - Someone from Duke to inform about their plans for Island maintenance
 - DNR to speak about control/enforcement of the lake activities

Adopt an Island Update – Dave Goeckel

- No report

Anglers Angle – Bob Stromberg/Don Lenahan

- **Anglers Angle - Tips**

For the month of August there were 12 tips sent out, about 3 a week. We will continue to send out tips as deemed appropriate.

Real Time Fishing Reports - Bob Stromberg/Don Lenahan

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

9 Board Members	43	77%
6 Other KA Members	13	23%

- 26 reports came from 2 board members or 46%. Board members keep dominating the submissions of “Real Time Reports”.
- The 13 other KA member reports came from 6 members. One member submitted 5 of the reports. Total submissions were up 14 reports from July.
- Of the 31 days in August at least 1 or more reports were submitted in 27 days, only 4 days no reports. 12 days had 1 report, 4 days 2 reports, 8 days 3 reports and 3 days 4 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. We will reevaluate the program at that time.

September Real Time Report Monthly Prize Drawing

- The August winner is Georg Lamp. He was the winner of a Rapala Jointed Shad Rap. 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.

September Real Time Summer Meeting

- Thirteen members plus one prospective new member, a friend of Rudy Carbone, attended. Discussions were good, lively and at times funny. Tom, Rudy and Georg provided lots of useful information. The meeting broke up about 11:20.

Website Administrator – Charles Townson/Paul Yazel

- In August, there were 129 visitors to the KA website for a total of 268 sessions. The average time spent on the site for each session was 1 minute, 29 seconds. The most-visited pages were "boating & fishing resources" and "anglers angle". There was no downtime or problems noted with the website during the month.

Old Business

- **DNR Fish Attractors/Plantings Volunteers – Doug Jansen**
 - Dan Rankin of DNR reports that fish attractors are being assembled
- **Inclusion of Keowee Anglers Informational CD on Website – Bill Walker**
 - Bill has reviewed the information on the CD and has move about 80% of the Sentinel articles to the website. References to the CD will be removed from the website.

New Business

- **Co-Secretary – Harry Elrod**
 - Dan Eskew has volunteered to serve as Co-Secretary
- **Real Time Summer Meetings—Doug Jansen**
 - Doug raised the issue of the value of the summer Real Time Meetings and whether they should be continued in light of low attendance at the last couple of meetings. Bob pointed out that the intent was to provide value to the new/less experienced Anglers. There was consensus that the meetings should continue. Allowing Anglers to bring fishing items to sell in a flea market type arrangement, especially in the historically low attendance months, was proposed. The next Real Time meeting is in June, 2020, so there is time to finalize any changes to meeting format.
- **DNR Fish Attractors/Plantings Volunteers – Doug Jansen**
 - Doug asked if the Board wants to continue to support these DNR requests. There has been some difficulty getting volunteers, but likely due to lack of

sufficient notice from Dan Rankin of DNR. The Board supported continuing to help, assuming at least two weeks notice is provided.

- **Contribution to FOLKS in Memory of Ben Turetzky – Rick Sommer**
 - Rick proposed that Keowee Anglers make a donation to FOLKS in memory of Ben Turetzky. Board discussion indicated that past policy was to keep any such memorials as personal decisions for the individual members.
- **Kids Fishing Clinic – Rick Sommer**
 - Rick asked the Board's interest in conducting a fishing clinic for kids, and described a previous experience. The Board agreed that this was an interesting idea and suggested that the Program Directors develop a proposal.

With no further business, Doug adjourned the meeting at 9:15