

**Keowee Anglers Board Minutes
December 05, 2024**

Attending: Rick Sommer, Harry Elrod, Gregg Goff, Mark Yarborough, Paul Yazel, Tom Tamanini, Jim Cowan, Dave Goeckel, Joe Galicic, Charles Townson, Bill Smith, Duke Johns (visiting member), and Rudy Land (visiting member)

President Rick Sommer called the meeting to order at 09:00 in the Lakeview Room at the Keowee Key North Marina

Treasurer’s Report - Mark Yarborough/Gregg Goff

- Bank Balance: \$4755.55
- Membership Total: 164

Tournament Director’s Report – Paul Yazel/Bill Smith

- **Longest Fish Competition**
 - Results are up to date and posted on the website
- Comparing the longest fish in each category this year to the end of year results for the last four years, here are the results:

Stat	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Comments (if any)
Bass Category						
Longest Fish	23.00"	22.00"	24.25"	24.00"	22.00"	
Shortest Fish	19.75"	19.75"	19.75"	19.50"	19.50"	
Smallmouth Bass Category						
Longest Fish	17.00"	18.00"	17.50"	17.25"	17.75"	
Shortest Fish	15.00"	15.50"	15.00"	15.75"	16.00"	
White Bass Category						
Longest Fish	none	19.25	18.25"	20.00"	14.50"	
Shortest Fish	none	None	16.50"	19.00"	9.25"	
Crappie Category						
Longest Fish	15.75"	17.00"	17.00"	16.75"	16.25"	
Shortest Fish	15.75"	16.00	16.00"	15.25"	15.50"	
Catfish Category						
Longest Fish	35.50"	35.00"	36.50"	40.50	35.00"	

Shortest Fish	33.00"	32.00"	31.25"	32.50"	34.00"	
Bluegill Category						
Longest Fish	12.00"	10.75"	10.75"	12.00"	11.00"	
Shortest Fish	10.00	10.75"	10.25"	10.75"	10.00"	
Trout Category						
Longest Fish	none	16.00"	15.5"	16.00"	None	
Shortest Fish	none	12.00"	None	12.25"		

- **Tournaments**
 - No tournaments scheduled until March, 2025

Program Director’s Report – Tom Tamanini/Charles Townson

- Jason Burroughs, who guides on Lake Hartwell and fishes the National Professional Fishing League, is tentatively scheduled as speaker for the January meeting
- The program for the February meeting will likely be a roundtable discussion on springtime fishing.

Adopt an Island Update - David McDevitt/Dave Goeckel

- David McDevitt has moved away, so Dave Goeckel has primary responsibility again. A backup is needed.
- Dave will get all the information from FOLKS about where and to whom reports for the spring cleanup will go.
- Charles asked if we can get an update on plans for shoreline stabilization for the islands after the damage from Hurricane Helene

Anglers Angle –Jim Cowan/Joe Galicic

Anglers Angle – Tips

- For the month of November 2024 there was 0 tips sent out.

Real Time Fishing Reports

- For the month of November 2024, there were 35 reports submitted by 14 Keowee Anglers Club Members. However, there were 41 reports submitted by 11 Keowee Anglers Club Members in November 2023. Reports were down by

15% and number of members reporting were up by 27%. Year to date through November 2024 we had 360 reports for an average of 33 per month with 11 anglers reporting per month. For year to date through November 2023, we averaged 44 reports per month and 13 anglers per month.

- If you wish to participate and don't know how to use the KAfishing@groups.io please email Jim C or Joe G at realtimefishingreportska@gmail.com to request an invitation email.
- We would like to thank everyone that took the time to submit reports for the month of September 2024 and would also like to encourage others to participate as well.

Website Administrator – Mick Elam/Doug Strain

- No report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- 2025 Calendar – Holly and Paul
 - The initial draft of the 2025 calendar has not yet been created. Holly and Paul will work together to produce it
 - The 2025 tournaments will be in March, April, May, October, and November, with April as a “no electronics except GPS” tournament
- Tournament Prize Money – Mark and Gregg
 - This will be reviewed in February after 2025 dues have been received
- Discount on Capt Mack Spoons – Tom
 - Tom has communicated with Mack Farr about the availability of “seconds” spoons that could be purchased at a discount
- Human Dehooker – Tom
 - Tom has arranged a discount with the inventor/owner of the company to purchase the Human Dehooker at a 20% discount off the regular \$59.99 price. He will provide information to Harry who will forward to the membership.

With no further business, Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:35.

