

Keowee Anglers Board Minutes
January 09, 2025

Attending: Rick Sommer, Harry Elrod, Gregg Goff, Paul Yazel, Tom Tamanini, Jim Cowan, Dave Goeckel, Joe Galicic, Charles Townson, Bill Smith, Mick Elam, 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: \$6155.05
- Membership Total: 166; 2025 renewals total 110 so far, with more expected in today's meeting

Tournament Director's Report – Paul Yazel/Bill Smith

- **Longest Fish Competition**
 - 2024 winners will be recognized in the meeting today. There were three categories with no entries. Total prize money to be paid out is \$1285.
 - 2025 results are up to date and posted on the website; only one entry so far
- **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 the speaker for the January meeting
- The program for the February meeting will be a roundtable discussion on springtime fishing.

Adopt an Island Update - Dave Goeckel

- Dave has put the dates for the twice-yearly island clean-ups on the calendar.

Anglers Angle –Jim Cowan/Joe Galicic

Anglers Angle – Tips

- For the month of December 2024 there were 4 tips sent out. Winter Bass Lures: Everything you need to know. What Lures We're Throwing in December. Finesse Swimbaits for Bass Fishing. To Bass Lure Trends: Stay ahead with the latest Innovations.

Real Time Fishing Reports

- For the month of December 2024, there were 18 reports submitted by 7 Keowee Anglers Club Members. There were 34 reports submitted by 13 Keowee Anglers Club Members in December 2023.
- Overall, in our new system for 2024, we have 378 reports versus 514 for the same period in 2023, for a decrease of 21.2%. Our average number of participants per month has dropped and the average per year is actually down from 13 to 10.
- 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 December and 2024 and would also like to encourage others to participate as well.

Website Administrator – Mick Elam

- There has been trouble with some of the links on the website that use Microsoft One Drive to download documents. Mick has moved some of the documents to a different system and will continue to work through the issues. He estimates a couple of weeks to finish

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Gratuities for Guest Speakers at Meetings -- Charles**
 - Charles made a motion to pay \$100 honorarium to today's speaker. After discussion, motion passed to make this a routine payment to those guest speakers who are not "on the clock" (Duke, DNR, etc).
- **Backups for Website Administrator and Adopt an Island Coordinator – Rick**
 - Rick pointed out that we have vacancies on the Board for backups for the Website Administrator and Adopt an Island Coordinator. He requested that Board members help recruit candidates.

With no further business, Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:25.

