

**Keowee Anglers Board Minutes
September 3, 2025**

Attending: John Rizzo, Jim Cowan, Paul Yazel, Mick Elam, Joe Galicic, Bill Smith, Mark Yarborough, Tom Tamanini, Charles Townson, Rick Sommer, Harry Elrod, and new member Ron Poniatowski

Co-President Bill Smith called the meeting to order at 09:00 at the Lakeview Room in Keowee Key North Marina.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Yarborough/Gregg Goff

- Bank Balance: \$5576.65
- Membership Total: 162

Tournament Director's Report – Paul Yazel/Bill Smith

- **Longest Fish Competition**
 - Results are up to date and posted on the website. This is the first time we've had 2 fish over 24 ½ inches
- **October Tournament**
 - Preparations are being made for the October tournament. The email for registration will go out Sunday, September 07

Program Director's Report – Tom Tamanini/Charles Townson

- High Falls Park is hesitant about committing to our use of the pavilion in February for a workshop. Tom will attempt to work directly with the Ranger
- Nothing is yet planned for the December meeting. The possibility of a Jocassee guide was discussed

Adopt an Island Update - Dave Goeckel/John Rizzo

- John Rizzo will be taking over primary responsibility for the Island cleanups. He will be scheduling a date for the autumn cleanup

Anglers Angle –Jim Cowan/Joe Galicic

Fishing Reports for Summer 2025

- For the summer of 2025 we averaged 8 anglers, 15 reports and 1 tip for each of the 3 months versus an average of 7 anglers, 25 reports and 2 tips on average for 2024. For June 2025 8 anglers produced 20 reports and there was

1 tip sent out versus 10 anglers, 35 reports and 2 tips for June 2024. For July 2025 there are 13 reports by 9 anglers and 0 tips versus 5 anglers, 22 reports and 2 tips for July 2024. For August 2024 there are 11 reports by 7 anglers and 1 tip versus 17 reports, by 7 anglers and 1 tip for August 2024.

Anglers Angle – Tips

- For June 2025, two tips were sent out: “5 mistakes bass fishermen use with spinner baits”, and “Its June and your catchin' just Died.”
- Fishing the fall transition in three phases: phases, lures and tips for August 2025

Top Real Time Contributors in Summer 2025

- We want to thank Members who contribute to Anglers Angle each month and support our mission of being a teaching club. Summer is a tough time and we thank Gary Kuba, HelRod, Rich Partynski, KeoweeFishing and Rip Lipper for the number and quality of their reports. They supplied 67% (29 of the 44) reports.
- If you wish to participate and don't know how to use the KAfishing@groups.io please email Jim C or Joe G.
- We would like to thank everyone that took the time to submit reports for Summer 2025 and would also like to encourage others to participate as well.

Website Administrator – Mick Elam/Doug Strain

- Mick is considering updating to the newest version of Word Press which will result in much faster page refreshes.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Posting of Non-fishing Related businesses on Website - Tom**
 - Tom raised the question of whether we should post on our Website information about companies who provide good products and potentially offer a discount to our members. After discussion, the Board agreed to trial this by posting the company he used for internet/computer issues.
- **Price of October Tournament Luncheon - Holly**
 - Holly reported that the October luncheon will cost \$25.38. At her suggestion, the Club will pay the \$0.38 so that our treasurers won't have to make change
- **New Veterans Organization - Tom**
 - Tom reported that there is a new veterans organization that we can donate item to in the future

With no further business, Bill adjourned the meeting at 09:30