

Keowee Anglers Board Minutes

January 08, 2026

Attending: Rick Sommer, Tom Tamanini, Jim Cowan, Joe Galicic, Mark Yarborough, Gregg Goff, Paul Yazel, Charles Townson, Harry Elrod, Bill Smith, Dan Eskew

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

Treasurer's Report - Mark Yarborough/Gregg Goff

- Bank Balance: \$7070.04 after paying out the Longest Fish Competition prizes, with additional renewal and new member dues expected today
- Membership Total: 176

Tournament Director's Report – Paul Yazel/Bill Smith

- **Longest Fish Competition**
 - Two 2026 entries in the longest bass category have been received
 - 2025 winners will be recognized in the meeting today

Program Director's Report – Tom Tamanini/Charles Townson

- Bill Ragosta will speak about crappie fishing on Lake Keowee at the today's regular meeting.
- The program for the February meeting will be a Spring fishing panel , which will be organized by Joe and Jim

Adopt an Island Update - John Rizzo/Dave Goeckel

- No report

Anglers Angle –Jim Cowan/Joe Galicic

- For the month of December 2025, 5 tips were sent out: The Bass Fishing Grind? A-Rig for Winter Fishing. If you feel behind in Bass Fishing—Read this. Understanding Barometric Pressure in Fishing. 10 Essential Winter Bass Fishing Lures.

Real Time Fishing Reports

- For the month of December 2025 there were 20 reports submitted by 6 Keowee Anglers Club Members. There were 28 reports submitted by 9 Keowee Anglers Club Members in December 2024. Both reports and participating Members were down year over year. For the overall 2025 there were 267 reports submitted versus 378 reports for 2024. Although reports

were down by 29%, the average number of members making the reports dropped from 10 to 9 or by 10%.

Top Real Time Contributors in December 2025

- We want to thank Members who contribute to Anglers Angle each month and support our mission of being a teaching club. This month we thank KeoweeFishing, Bill Ragosta and Joe Galicic for the number and quality of their reports. They supplied 16 of the 20 reports.

Website Administrator – Mick Elam/Joe Galicic

- No Report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Surplus Bank Balance**
 - Paul raised the issue of how to spend any excess funds we have after collecting 2026 dues. It was agreed that we would revisit this in February after all renewals and new member dues have been received.
- **Business Cards**
 - Tom asked if we should consider having some Keowee Anglers business cards created that the Board members could use and could be left in local bait/tackle shops. Since we are not actively recruiting new members, the Board did not support doing this.
- **Boaters for Tournaments**
 - Paul continues to be concerned about having enough boaters for our tournaments. We discussed having our new member application form and tournament registration forms modified to provide us with information about tournament qualifying boats. Paul will also emphasize that tournament participants need to be willing to be boaters to assure the success of our tournaments.
- **Benefit Tournament for the Hunter Piling Family**
 - Charles reported that the benefit raised over \$35000, with 87 boats in the tournament and over 1000 lottery tickets sold. The family was extremely appreciative.

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

