

Keowee Anglers Board Minutes

February 5, 2026

Attending: Rick Sommer, Jim Cowan, Gregg Goff, Mark Yarborough, Paul Yazel, Charles Townson, Mick Elam, Joe Galicic, Dan Eskew

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Sommer at 9:05am, at the Lakeview Room, Keowee Key North Marina.

Treasurer's report: Mark Yarborough and Greg Goff:

- Bank balance is \$7,727.85. How to use excess funds to be addressed in New Business
- Membership total 164. We had lower attrition than usual this year, hence more members to start the year.

Tournament Director's Report: Paul Yazel:

- Longest fish standings – we have three bass entries so far, all 20"+, and one crappie entry.
- March tournament entries thus far, 38, with 16 boaters. As usual we need more boaters.

Program Director's Report: Charles Townson

- Since we have tournaments the next three months no other programs are planned beyond today. Today's program features Bo Price of Mule Skinner Baits and a discussion on early spring fishing with Bob Allen and Charles Townson.

Adopt and Island Update: no report

Angler's Angle: Jim Cowan and Joe Galicic

- One tip was sent out last month
- January was a slow month for fishing reports as not many people fished due to the weather.

Website Administrator: Mick Elam and Joe Galicic

- The website is working normally, and tournament registration is working as it should. The membership registration form has been modified to include whether the member has a tournament qualified boat.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- There was a discussion about adding the qualified boat information (Yes/No) to the membership roster, which would be done as new members are added. Members agreed this should be done.
- Mark Yarborough and Gregg Goff presented a proposal for use of our excess funds (see attached). The board voted unanimously to approve “Option B” which increases the payout for most categories, both for tournaments and annual longest fish, a total of \$1,015 potential prize money for the year.

There being no further business, Rick declared the meeting adjourned.

Dan Eskew, Co-Secretary