

Keowee Anglers Board Minutes
May 07, 2026

Attending: Rick Sommer, Tom Tamanini, Jim Cowan, Joe Galicic, Gregg Goff, Paul Yazel, Harry Elrod, Mark Yarborough

President Rick Sommer called the meeting to order at 11:00 in the The Club at Keowee Key.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Yarborough/Gregg Goff

- Bank Balance: \$5172.37 after paying out the May Tournament prizes
- Membership Total: 168

Tournament Director's Report – Paul Yazel/Bill Smith

- **Longest Fish Competition**
 - The posting of the Longest Fish Competition on the website is up to date
- **May Tournament**
 - Results will be announced at the luncheon and posted on the website

Program Director's Report – Tom Tamanini/Charles Townson

- Nothing new to report

Adopt an Island Update - John Rizzo/Dave Goeckel

- John Rizzo and Dave Goeckel are planning to do the island cleanup on May 13.

Anglers Angle –Jim Cowan/Joe Galicic

- For the month of April 2026, 0 tips were sent out vs 3 tips for April 2025.

Real Time Fishing Reports

- For the month of April 2026 there were 37 reports submitted by 15 Keowee Anglers Club Members. There were 30 reports submitted by 13 Keowee Anglers Club Members in April 2025. Reports were and participating Members were UP year over year by 23% and 13%, respectively. This continues our improvement over last year.

Top Real Time Contributors in April 2026

- 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, Galicic, and Cowan for bass and Bill Ragosta for crappie. We

also thank all of the 1st time and 1st time in a long-time submissions. Your contributions make us all better at fishing Lake Keowee. Thank you!

Website Administrator – Mick Elam/Joe Galicic

- The website is functioning well. Mick made updates to the tournament results calculator

Old Business

- Members with Unpaid Financial Obligations – Harry
 - Harry suggested that we communicate last month's decision to the members that those with unpaid financial obligations are ineligible for club competitions. Paul will add verbiage to the Tournament Registration form and will include it in the reminder he sends out before each tournament luncheon.

New Business

- Keowee Key Representative – Gregg
 - Gregg volunteered to be the Keowee Anglers club representative to Keowee Key to replace Bill Walker
- Liability of Boaters in Tournaments – Joe
 - Joe suggested that we add something to limit boaters' liability in tournaments, similar to the waivers that are used in FLW and other tournament organizations. Tom will bring an example of a "hold harmless" statement to the next meeting.

With no further business, Rick adjourned the meeting at 11:30