

Keowee Anglers Board Minutes September 3, 2026

Attending: Rick Sommer, Bill Smith, Tom Tamanini, Jim Cowan, Joe Galicic, Gregg Goff, Dan Eskew, Harry Elrod, Mitch Spring, Charles Townson.

President Rick Sommer called the meeting to order at 9:00am in the Lake View Room at Keowee Key.

Treasurer's Report – Mitch Spring

- Bank Balance: \$5,725.09
- Membership Total: 177

Tournament Director's Report – Paul Yazel/Bill Smith (report via e-mail)

- **Longest Fish Competition**
We have 30 bass on the report for 2026, and additional entries for crappie, catfish, and bass.
- **Next tournament is October 6-7.** Registration begins Sept. 6. Tournament rules have been updated to include the new rule for measuring and recording each fish caught before the angler can continue fishing and several other edits for changing the time fishing ends, and entering results online.

Program Director's Report – Tom Tamanini/Charles Townson

- Our December speaker will be Colin Smith, a Bassmaster Classic angler and local guide
- The owner of Powell Rods may be here January or February – to be confirmed.
- Charles' annual class on Fishing Lake Keowee will be October 13 at the Walhalla Library.

Adopt an Island Update - John Rizzo/Dave Goeckel

- Via E-mail: The adopt an island sweep will be completed in September or October.

Anglers Angle and Real Time Reports –Jim Cowan/Joe Galicic (via e-mail)

- For the months of June, July, August 2026, 2 tips were sent out vs 2 tips for June, July, August 2025.
- For the months of June, July and August 2026 there were 63 reports submitted by 12 Keowee Anglers Club Members. There were 44 reports submitted by 10 Keowee Anglers Club Members in June, July, August 2025. Reports were up by 44% and participating Members were up slightly year over year.__

Website Administrator – Mick Elam/Joe Galicic

- Nothing new - website is working well

Old Business

- **Tournament Lunch Location – Joe Galicic**

Joe investigated several possibilities and presented two (see attached document for details including pricing)

- South Cover Park Pavilion catered by Little Pigs
- Arnold's of Seneca

After some discussion it was decided to schedule the 2027 tournament lunches with Arnolds, and keep non-lunch meetings at the Keowee Key Lakeview Room. Greg says he can continue to make the reservations for the Lakeview Room even though he won't be on the board. Additionally, Joe and Gregg will investigate whether it is practical to change this year's October and November tournament lunches to Arnold's, and reach a conclusion on this before the tournament announcement.

New Business

- **Fishing equipment donations to vets** – Tom Tamanini is looking into another organization Hook, Line, and Heros. They may send a representative to a future meeting to tell us about the organization.

With no further business, Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:40.

Dan Eskew
Co-Secretary

Attached: Keowee Anglers Luncheon Location Options by Joe Galicic