

Keowee Anglers Board Meeting January 14, 2016

Board Members Present: Bob Stromberg, John Wilson, Dave Brandt, Tom Tamanini, Bill Walker, and Dave Garrison

Guests: Ed Weinstein (KA Member) and Russ Warmath - Oconee County Emergency Services (OCES)

Prior to the Board Meeting, Russ Warmath and Ed Weinstein gave a brief presentation on the activities of OCES. Essentially its goal is to provide our citizens the educational tools to protect themselves during time of emergencies whether man made or natural. The premise is to care for your family first, then neighbors, and then community wide assistance. At the conclusion of their comments they indicated that they were in the process of recruiting individuals that after training could work on informing and/or training Oconee County citizens on emergency preparedness. The Board members present thanked them for the presentation and would discuss how KA might help with the recruiting effort.

Bob Stromberg called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM at The Seneca Family Restaurant.

Treasurer's Report - John Wilson

- Bank Balance – \$2,711.00
- Membership Count – Total 107
- Inventory – Lure Covers 20, CD's 6, patches 102 that have been sent out to be converted into lure covers.
- John presented a comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the years ending 12/31/11 – 12/31/2015.

Tournament Director's Report – Bill Walker

- Bill presented the draft of the Tournament Stratification (A & B) for 2016. After some discussion and input from the Board, a few changes were made. Bill will release the document to the entire membership and will tell them that if anyone disagrees with his/her classification to let him know and he will be glad to discuss it with them. At present we have 41 "A's" and 66 "B's".
- Bob Stromberg presented a proposal to modify the cash prizes for 2016 and beyond to better reflect the size our treasury. His primary goal was to recognize more members for their achievements during the year in the various prize categories. To do this he proposed increasing the number of prizes in each of the categories and modestly increasing the value of the cash awards. He presented a spreadsheet showing the proposed changes for discussion. He also made it clear that these changes might need modifying in the future depending on the number of members we have from year to year. Bob then made a motion to accept the proposal with slight modifications and Bill Walker seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a Board vote. Bill will include the changes when he issues to 2016 Tournament Description to the membership.
- A discussion on the menu selection for the tournament luncheons ensued and it was decided to continue with our alternating chicken dishes as in the past.

Program Directors Report – Tom Tamanini

- The program for February is Cameron Kaihara, College Pro Staff Director of Fatsak Outdoors that has developed an app to enhance ones fishing experience.
- The March program is a panel discussion by some of our members who have a specific strength for fishing Lake Keowee. Questions will be taken from those attending the meeting.
- There was a swap session scheduled for the March meeting where members could sell or swap fishing related items. Tom suggested that that activity might detract from the panel discussion and that the room we presently meet in does not have enough space for tables to display sales items. After discussion, the Board decided to delay the swap session to the April tournament luncheon. The main reason is that the space available at the Lighthouse's event room is more than adequate to handle this activity and the luncheon event. Tom made a motion to move the swap date, Bob Stromberg seconded it, and the motion was carried.

Adopt an Island Update – Dave Goeckel

- No report.

Anglers Angle – Bob Stromberg

- Bob feels that the tips he has been providing to the membership by email are being well received. He will continue to do what has been successful in the past. He has 5 tips ready for distribution.

Website Administrator – Dave Brandt

- December activity was low, and January's activity is following the same pattern. This is the same pattern shown in past years.
- Tom Tamanini asked if the "Real Time Fishing Reports" Bob send out could be posted to the KA website? After much discussion, it was decided that these reports are for active members of KA, and that posting them to the website would open them to anyone that went on the site, defeating its purpose. The Board agreed that the reports should not be posted to our website.

Old Business –

- See cash awards for 2016 discussion under Tournament Directors Report.

New Business –

- No New Business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Submitted by: Dave Garrison, Secretary