

**Keowee Anglers Board Meeting
October 12, 2017**

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

KA Member Guest – John Anders

Charles Townson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM at The Seneca Family Restaurant.

Treasurer's Report - John Wilson

- Bank Balance – 1942.56
- Membership Count – Total 134
- Inventory – Lure Covers 93, patches 103, 10 CD's, and 5 hat bands.

Tournament Director's Report – Bill Walker

- Announcements for registration for the November 1-2 tournament have been sent out to the membership. To date we have 22 signed up
- Bill presented his annual "Fishing Lake Keowee" presentation to the Newcomers club and was assisted by Charles Townson and Bob Stromberg. There were 30 attendees of which 7 joined Keowee Anglers.
- Still waiting for confirmation from Keowee key for our meeting room reservations for 2018. The Lighthouse has confirmed our tournament luncheon dates for 2018.

Program Directors Report – Bill Smith & Tom Tamanini

- Dan Rankin of SCDNR has agreed to be our speaker for the February 2018 meeting.
- Tom has located a representative from Hummingbird to give a presentation to our members on its electronics. He will not be available until March when we have scheduled our panel discussion. The Board needs to decide whether or not to reschedule the panel to December or January to accommodate this individual.
- We can always use the instructional DVD's if we are unable to fill all of the program slots.

Adopt an Island Update – Dave Goeckel

- Adopted islands are in good shape and monitored as needed.
- FOLKS is looking for volunteers to adopt other islands in the vicinity of those we currently monitor and have inquired if Keowee Anglers would take on more. Dave will determine which islands are open and the Board will decide when that information is available.

Anglers Angle – Bob Stromberg

- There are a reasonable number of real time reports submitted and I will continue to send them out as received. I will also send reminders to submit reports with good or bad catches as all information is helpful. At tournament time it seems people are more protective of how they catch bass in practice.

- I continue to search for relevant tips to help club members. Plan is to continue to send out 1 or 2 a week. Seasonal tips will sent when appropriate. I try to keep a minimum of 10 tips banked. Currently I have 20 tips in the bank.
- The last Real Time Summer meeting was on September 7. We had 18 attendees one of which was a guest who will be joining the club. Had a good discussion / interchange for an hour. Based on the good attendance and discussions at all 4 summer meetings they should again be scheduled for 2018.

Website Administrator – Dave Brandt

- No report on website activity.
- We did not receive any responses to our inquiry for a back up for the Website Administrator. We will send another request out and include in it that if any member has an interest in participating in any Board position to let us know.

Old Business –

- Lake Keowee Fishery – Charles will confirm with the SCDNR that the Keowee Anglers Board members will meet with their representatives at the Clemson DNR office on November 9, 2017, at 1 PM to present its ideas on how to improve the quality of the Lake Keowee bass fishery, with an emphasis on attracting recreational and tournament fishermen that will benefit the region economically. The Board wants to stress that Keowee Anglers is ready to participate in any activities the groups can agree on.

New Business –

- Member John Anders stated that there seemed to be some confusion about the new tournament rule concerning tournament pre-fishing that was adopted prior to the May 2017 Random Match Tournament. Dave Garrison concurred and thought the intent was to disallow teams from pre-fishing on a tournament day before designating which day the team would consider its tournament day. After much discussion the Board agreed to have Bill Walker restate the rule on tournament pre-fishing as follows –
 - *The term Pre-fishing or tournament practicing includes both: a) fishing with a line in the water; and b) motoring around the lake with your sonar on looking for fish.*
 - *With or without your tournament partner, you may not have a line in the water nor be looking at sonar on the day you select to fish for the tournament, before your tournament time starts. On your selected tournament day, as soon as you activate your sonar or put a line in the water, your 4-hour tournament period starts. You may spend as much of your 4-hour tournament time as you like scouting around for fish looking at your sonar. And you may use the GPS portion of your electronics to navigate to the spot that you plan to start fishing, but your sonar images must not be displayed until your tournament time starts.*
 - *After you and your partner have fished for the tournament, and have filled in and signed your official tournament result form, you may then fish recreationally, for fun, during any remaining time in the days set aside for the tournament.*

Charles Townson called the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.
Submitted by: Dave Garrison, Secretary