

South Dakota Walleye Classic

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Craig Mehlhaff. The following members were in attendance: Becky Randall, Dana Randall, Bill Waeckerle, Lloyd Schlomer, Steve Mann and on the phone was Greg Yonkovich.

A copy of the February 9th minutes was handed out to those in attendance. Lloyd Schlomer made motion to approve and second by Bill Waeckerle. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Steve Mann. Dana Randall made a motion to approve and second by . Bill Waeckerle Motion carried.

Old Business: 2024 gun drawing continues.

Sign is installed under the Akaska sign as you come into town but the feedback that we have received is that the letters need to be bigger and the sign larger. Craig will contact QQP to have them remove the lettering and make it bigger.

The electronic sign was sold and delivered by Bob Nicholson to Rapid City. Steve will get checks to Town of Akaska, ADC and us as the \$1000.00 will be divided evenly. Bob would not take any money for gas, he was happy to do it for us.

Old Business from floor: Greg Yonkovich will order the letters for the sign that is out on the highway, advertising the SDWC. Steve and Craig will get the tracks placed and ready when the letters arrive to start advertising the SDWC.

Craig will respond back to Dori Ketterling about the Craft Fair and let her know that the air conditioning will be installed like last year and that the firehall will be available as is. Craig also reached out to BrewBird Coffee as they would like to come and sell coffee the weekend of the Classic.

New Business:

Bill attended the 3 coalition meetings and things are improving already. There will be another meeting in April that he will attend. Bill wants to raise some funds for the Coalition so a shotgun and a rifle will be purchased from SoDak in Aberdeen.

We will have a board at the Tav and Sportsman's and sell squares for \$20.00 each with 100 squares on a board. We will start selling squares May 1st when the out-of-town fisherman start arriving.

Bill is still working on getting the scale certified.

Letters are out to fisherman and all info has been sent to Dick Sorenson to put on facebook and Avid Hawk. Craig also had the posters available so we will start putting those up around the area and in Aberdeen.

Craig has started the process for the permit for the tournament. Ryan Persoon spoke with Craig about the process of the SDWC and who was going to be receiving the fish that weekend from the tournament so that he can let Kendell DeRouchey know the process so there is no miscommunication.

Craig will also contact Mark Ketterling for boat release, etc.

Sheila from Marin-Biel will be contacted for the insurance policy for the SDWC.

We will advertise in the Outdoor Magazine again this year and they will let us know when the ad will be published as we are waiting for proof to come back and the dates it will run.

New Business from Floor: Bob Heier has secured 15 pontoons for Senior Fishing and Maurice Hoffman is 16. Becky will get the ads put together to advertise starting May 1st in Hoven, Gettysburg, Bowdle and Selby. We will also place it in the Mobridge calendar for free and then everyone can share on Facebook. We will serve the same menu as last year, pork loin sandwiches, coleslaw, cookies and pickle spears.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lloyd Schlomer and second by Dana Randall. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Becky Randall

Secretary

