

Springfield Crappie Club Meeting Minutes --- January 26, 2020

The spring meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Council #4179 on Lake Springfield. President Brian Cuffle called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. 20 members were present. The 2020 E-Board, President, Brian Cuffle; Vice President, Brian Bucannan; Treasurer, Mike Rockford; Secretary, Jim Tintori; and Tournament Director, Arick Clark were all present. Secretary Jim Tintori distributed printed copies of the minutes from the fall meeting, therefore, reading the minutes was waived by membership. The financial report was given by Treasurer Mike Rockford. He reported the club has _____ in checking and _____ in savings. Mike told members the club had payouts of _____ in 2019. The Bash net profit was _____. There were \$650 in additional club tournament payouts which included the \$100 paid to the day-1 leader of the Shelbyville two-day tournament and the \$50 paid to each of the odd/even entries at the club weigh-ins. The treasurer's report was approved. VP Brian Bucannan had no report. Tournament Director Arick Clark reported the April 5th club tournament at Lake Sangchris had to be rescheduled for March 21st. DNR would not grant permission for our tournament due to the number of tournaments already approved for that date. The 2019 late fall open tournament only had 4 teams, 3 of which were club members. Because of the cold weather and the low turnout that day, the e-board approved a 100% payout.

Applications can be found at www.springfieldcrappieclub.com

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 The following lakes are approved for the 2020 spring tournaments:

Note: The 2020 spring tournaments were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions

CLUB	March 21 st	Lake Sangchris (April 5 th was unavailable)		
OPEN	March 22 nd (Sunday)	Lake Sangchris	\$50 Entry Fee	\$10 Big Fish
BASH	April 25 th	Lake Shelbyville	\$100 Entry Fee	\$10 Big Fish
CLUB	May 3 rd (Sunday)	Lake Springfield (by vote)		
CLUB	May 16 th & 17 th	Lake Shelbyville (by rule)		
OPEN	June 7 th (Sunday)	Lake Sangchris	\$50 Entry Fee	\$10 Big Fish

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 The following lakes are approved for the 2020 fall tournaments:

CLUB	September 20 th (Sunday)	Lake Shelbyville (by vote)		
CLUB	October 4 th (Sunday)	Lake Sangchris (by vote)		
CLUB	October 17 th & 18 th	Mark Twain (by rule)		
CLASSIC	November 1 st (Sunday)	Lake Springfield (by rule)		
OPEN	November 7 th	Lake Springfield	\$50 Entry Fee	\$10 Big Fish
OPEN	November 29 th (Sunday)	Lake Decatur	\$50 Entry Fee	\$10 Big Fish

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 2019 SCC Angler of the Year is Arick Clark. His total weight for the year was 24.33 lbs. Arick chose a plaque over the jacket. The 2019 SCC Big Fish of the Year went to Brandon Wagner. Brandon caught his fish at Lake Sangchris and it weighed 1.9 lbs. He won \$100. Congratulations Arick and Brandon!

President Brian Cuffle explained the morning release and the check-in processes with regards to trailering. Trailering is permitted at Mark Twain and Lake Shelbyville. The tournament director (or appointee) will call out the takeoff numbers from either the launch dock or the area where the morning meeting was held. Those trailering must position themselves to be able to hear the numbers being called and may not leave until their takeoff number has been called. The time and location of the afternoon check-in will be on the tournament application and announced at the morning meeting. It may be the launch dock, the launch parking lot, or the location of the morning meeting. Cuffle also updated members on the status of local business' signed up as sponsors by e-board and club members. Already, \$2,800 in sponsorships has been collected for 2020. The deadline for turning in new sponsorships is March 31st. Time is needed to get the sponsor's logo on the tournament applications and the banner displayed at the weigh-ins must be produced.

New Business:

Members approved a \$200 donation to Chip Christenson for the "Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Alliance". Knights of Columbus member John Flesch thanked SCC members for the donation to the K of C's "Children's Fishing Derby". It was much appreciated.

President Cuffle suggested the two-day tournament format be dropped and replaced with a one-day tournament. The current Mark Twain/Shelbyville rotation would not change, and the \$80 entry fee would not change either. Members made suggestions such as back to back one-day tournaments with the Mark Twain/Shelbyville rotation or back to back one-day tournaments fishing two local lakes such as Lake Springfield and Lake Taylorville. Several members expressed their support of the two-day tournament format. Reasons for wanting to drop the two-day tournament are the expense of travel, costs of lodging and getting home late Sunday. Danny Runkle made a motion to leave the end time of day-one at 2:30 but change the end time of day-two to 1:00. Motion passed 13 to 3.

Membership voted unanimously to make Buck O'Connor a lifetime member.

Steve Moseley informed members that SCC volunteers built 60 habitat structures and those structures were dropped into Lake Springfield in 10 clusters in 2019. This was coordinated with IDNR and CWLP. Dale Smith has a design to build 60 habitat structures approved by IDNR for Lake Sangchris to be sunk in 2020. Calls for volunteers will be forthcoming.

Mike Rockford said he would like to volunteer his time when help is needed transferring crappie from the rearing ponds of Sangchris and Springfield to the main lakes.

Members voted to give \$50 to the K of C for use of their facility.

A fish fry was enjoyed after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Tintori
SCC Secretary