

WAAM - Meeting Notes March 8, 2016 by Lorraine Enns-Goulet

Meeting Called to order

Jim Bais and Garther Cheung were first up to speak about Kid Fish which was held January 24th, 2016 for the 2015 year.

- Great time was had by all - atmosphere was like more of festival than derby!
 - Derby was started 3 years ago, this was the first year under the KidFish logo
 - Garth has been on as a director for 2 years and has done an outstanding job!
 - Number of WAAM volunteering members is huge-majority of club members volunteered in some capacity
 - Derby had some tough numbers to beat from the 2014 year, but they passed 2014 with 1127 participants and 371 of those were kids
 - To become a sponsor is a \$1000.00 minimum donation - There were 42 sponsors that stepped up!
 - Some sponsors donated cash, some prizes, some donated items (like tents), run around vehicles etc. food and much more
 - Total money raised was \$34,405.23 for Children's Hospital Foundation and Cancer Care Manitoba Foundation for Kids with Cancer
 - Feb 1st \$15,233.56 was donated to the Children's Hosp Oncology ward for a bladder scanner
 - Feb 1st \$2,000.00 donated to Guardian Angel Caring Room for hairpieces for 8-10 year old girls
 - Feb 4th \$14,500 was donated to Cancer Care Foundation for Camp Indigo
 - Feb 14th had a Valentine's Day Pizza Party. In addition to pizza, Costco also donated a cake
 - Still have about \$1000-\$1500 in reserve
 - Event united the fishing community
 - Kickerfish.ca did a 15 minute video on this event. Check it out on Youtube by copying and pasting link, well worth the watch. Thank you Eric!! <https://www.facebook.com/l.php...>
 - Jim and Garth expressed their sincere THANKS to all participants FM/WAAM March 18-19 week-end
 - \$20.00 for the evening festivities per night. Please pay BEFORE event
 - Pre pays will get you \$20.00 in raffle prize tickets
 - Flex Fish donating mount for largest walleye caught and released. Please do measurements and lots of photos if you think your fish can win!
 - Anyone who can donate general raffle prizes for this event would be greatly appreciated
 - Casino does have a couple of extra rooms, speak with Craig if interested
- Main Presenter for this evening was Ted Takasaki
- Ryan Sproule from Lund sponsored Ted Takasaki
 - Ted's first time in Winnipeg and fishing on Lake Winnipeg
 - Strongly believes in a positive mental attitude on ice or open water for catching fish
 - Believes fish are always biting, just have to find the correct presentation
 - Try new spots/color/techniques
 - His favorite presentation is bottom bouncer & spinner, play with weights and lures
 - General rule of thumb for weights and depth of water: 1 oz good for 5'-12', 2 oz good for 12'-25', and 3 oz good for 25'-35', but HAVE to find what works best for you!!
 - Keep 45 degree angle on rod tip to where line enters water
 - Use shorter Snell in dirty water and longer in clearer water, and about a 10-15 lb test line
 - Use mostly mono (dark green) or fluoro carbon to tie leader on
 - 1.2-1.5 mph for spinning speed for less chance of snagging, but no faster than 1.7-1.8 mph
 - Cranking speed approx 2-3 mph
 - Suggested doing own "structure" experiment starting with a tub and some minnows and gradually introducing a rock, watch where the minnows move to, then some gravel, some plants etc and watching where they start hanging around

the most and then take this knowledge and apply it to your fishing spots with the usage of your GPS mapping etc.

-Structure can be plants, rocks, brush piles, logs, docks etc

-Walleyes will act different within each body of water and each water type. (River, natural lake, reservoirs, and great lakes)

-Spring, look for hard bottom and current as they are spawning, go shallower for warmer temps, work out from spawning grounds

-Summer, weeds are getting higher as the temperature warms, look for walleyes in will go weeds during warmer days if unable to find on humps and rocks

-Fall, walleyes will go deeper to rocks and humps possibly 35' and deeper

-Walleye like to sit at a point and as you go over they can strike

-Work shallow to deep, always tapping bottom.

-Pay attention to electronics if fish is caught. Think about where the lure was for catch, NOT where boat was

-Customize your rig however you want, beads ,plain etc. slow death hook whatever works for you

-Generally, use bright metallics or black in clear water or sun and florescent in dirty water or cloudy day

-Bead colors don't make much difference, concentrate on blade color (#5 Colorado)

-Size of blade, smaller for smaller walleye and larger for larger walleye

-Single hook with a worm is preference, but can also use double or even 3 hooks, be careful not to cover up hooks

-Tip front hook with nose of worm and put second hook behind band on worm, try to get a little bit of line behind each piece of crawler, crawler should not be kinked in the water

-Use a treble when spinning at a faster speed.

-When getting a bite on a bouncer and spinner resist urge to set hook right away, keep moving forward, follow bite back and wait for a bite,bite,bite and then set and keep pressure on hook. Don't slack line, just drop rod back a bit and wait for a couple of little hits and set

-Preference again for rod and reel, medium power with moderate action

-If water is shallow and clearer, try to get line and lure further away from boat Artificial vs Natural

-Still believes natural bait is the best, but artificial will work as well

-If getting lots of perch bites, go with plastics or start pitching to the weeds

Summary:

-Look at structure, GPS, and speed

-Think about what you were doing where you caught the fish

-Think, wind, structure and what you did that caused the fish to bite

Raffle Draw Winners

-Ted gave away 12 Venom floats to the 12 that had their hands up - Thanks Ted!

-Ted also sold off and autographed some DVDs and then donated money to WAAM

Ticket for the Falcon Lake Fish-off - won by Carlo Guzzi

Fire Pit ring - won by Carlo Guzzi

Crock Pot - won by Kyra Shaw

Propane Tank Top Heater - won by Paul Krawchuk

Kitchen Aid bakeware - won by Ginette Goulet

Fillet knife, Live target, BBQ sauce - won by Gord Siebert

Clock and BBQ sauce - won by Ginette Goulet

Walleye Lodge sign - won by Wy Yuen which he then traded for Ted's rod & reel and rig set up!!

Socket set - won by Ginette Goulet

Ticket for the Falcon Lake Fish-Off - won by Daniel Kyrliuk

Special draw for a Skinz it was won by Mike dotoli