

Walleye Searchers of Minnesota

Club Overview

- **Club Purpose**
 - Promote and enjoy the sport of Walleye fishing
 - Community Service

- **Activities that support promoting the sport**
 - Spring Seminar
 - Event open to the public
 - Seminar by a nationally recognized Walleye fisherman and guide
 - Fishing related displays and youth focused activities
 - Numerous opportunity to win prizes
 - Financial and technical support for numerous High School fishing teams
 - Monthly members' fishing tournaments from April through October
 - Fund and manage the annual "Lake Pepin Open" fishing tournament

- **Activities that support community service**
 - Support for High School fishing teams
 - 3 to 5 teams annually
 - ~\$5000 of support annually
 - Cash donations to local community focused organizations, e.g., Boys and Girls clubs, youth fishing events, youth camps, Eagles and other outdoor related activities
 - ~\$2500 annually
 - Take a Vet fishing
 - 2025 – 78 Veterans, 51 boats, 67 volunteers including the captains
 - ~\$5800 annually

- **How we fund those activities**
 - Member dues
 - Annual Spring Seminar
 - Donations from local businesses and national fishing and outdoor businesses
 - Ticket sales for chances to win donated items
 - Annual Raffle for cash prizes

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Activities and Highlights

- Monthly Meetings (typically the 1st Monday of the Month)
- Tournaments (monthly April thru October)
 - Participants paired randomly for each event
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and big fish prizes awarded
 - Tournament Schedule at <https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events>
 - Tournament guidelines at <https://walleyesearchers.org/documents>
- Meeting and event schedule at <https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events>
- Blue Ticket Raffle (major fund raiser)
- Spring Seminar (fund raiser and community outreach)
- Take a Vet fishing (community outreach)
- Financial support for High School Fishing clubs
- Sponsor and manage the Lake Pepin Open (LPO)
- Volunteers' Tournament (must qualify by earning points, participants paired by drawing of names at random)
 - Point award schedule below and at <https://walleyesearchers.org/documents>
- Club By Laws, Tournament Guidelines, and membership application at <https://walleyesearchers.org/documents>
- Walleye Searchers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/walleyesearchersofminnesota>
- Officers for 2026 are:
 - President, Kevin Valento, kevin.valento@hotmail.com
 - Vice President, Tom Klinkhammer, klinkhammerbt@gmail.com
 - Treasurer, Jeff Stokfisz, jastokfisz@gmail.com
 - Secretary, Steve Iverson, sji52@hotmail.com

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Annual Calendar

January	Meeting https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events Distribute Blue Ticket Raffle Books Collect annual dues Approve meeting dates and Tournament schedule
February	Meeting DNR Speaker
March	Meeting Spring Seminar
April	Meeting Lake Pepin Open (LPO) Walleye Tournament
May	Meeting Walleye Tournament
June	Meeting Walleye Tournament
July	Meeting Walleye Tournament
August	Meeting Walleye Tournament Take a Vet fishing event
September	Meeting Walleye Tournament
October	Meeting Nomination for officer positions Walleye Tournament Volunteers Tournament
November	Meeting Angler of the year presentation Election of Officers
December	Meeting

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Points award schedule for Volunteers Tournament

15 Points required to qualify

MEETING ATTENDANCE	½ POINT PER MEETING
SEMINAR HELPER (DAY OF)	1 POINT
TAKE A VET HILPER (DAY OF)	2 POINTS
LPO HELPER (DAY OF)	2 POINTS PER DAY
SPRING SEMINAR CHAIR	15 POINTS (1 PERSON)
TAKE A VET CHAIR	15 POINTS (1 PERSON)
BOARD MEMBER	10 POINTS (ELECTED)
RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS	2 POINTS (PER BOOK)
YOUTH COORDINATOR	5 POINTS (1 PERSON)
CONSERVATION COORINATOR	2.5 POINTS (1 PERSON)
\$100 DONATION ITEM (EACH)	2 POINTS
SEMINAR COMMITTEE	2 POINTS (5 PEOPLE)
LPO COMMITTEE	2 POINTS (5 PEOPLE)
LPO CHAIR	5 POINTS
TAKE A VET COMMITTEE	2 POINTS (5 PEOPLE)
NEW MEMBER REFERAL	2 POINTS (MUST JOIN)
NEW MEMBER LIASON	5 POINTS (1 PERSON)
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	7.5 POINTS (1 PERSON)
BIG TICKET CHAIR	7.5 POINTS 1 PERSON
TAKE A VET BOATER	3 POINTS
RAFFLE TICKET COMMITTEE	2 POINTS (2 -3 PEOPLE)
FACEBOOK COORDINATOR	2 POINTS (2 -3 PEOPLE)
TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE	1 POINT (3-4 PEOPLE)
BY-LAW COMMITTEE	2 POINTS (3-4 PEOPLE)

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