

SAWT 2025 AGM January 11, 2025

Meeting held at 380 Wells Street, Brooks AB as well as virtually at 3pm-5pm

1. Presentation from eTournaments was given on their tournament app and how it works. The concerns for the app were connectivity on the water. The presentation showed that the app will work offline and when the anglers come off the water, they would connect to wifi and the photos and release video would upload at that time. The benefit was described as a way to remove the executive from the photo review process as well as a release video of each fish would be required with the picture submission which would eliminate fish being kept in the live well. SAWT executive will be confirming pricing. The link to website is

[eTournament Fishing](#)

App use for 2025 will be placed in the email survey to vote on as well as the pricing for the platform. Please familiarize yourself with the App before you complete the survey.

2. **2025 Lake Choices:** All attendees voted on their 3 lake choices for 2025. Top lake chosen were Lake Newell, Forty Mile, and Travers Reservoir. Tournament Dates TBD.
3. **Polygraph Test 2025:** Polygraph tests for 2025 were discussed. Costs and reliability were presented. All attendees voted on implementing polygraph tests for 2025. Majority vote was NO/OPPOSED to implementing polygraphs for 2025.
4. **Forward Facing Sonar:** A discussion around banning forward facing sonar for the 2025 season. Opinions were divided and a motion was made to survey all members regarding the opinions of allowing or disallowing forward facing sonar.
5. Changes to the rules for 2025. Motions were made and approved for the following rules:
 - a. Shootout qualifying rule needs to be added to the main rules.
Rule: You must fish all 3 tournaments to qualify for the shootout.
 - b. 25' depth rule change
Change: Fishing at 25' is strongly recommended for health and preservation of the fish being caught.
 - c. THE SAWT EXECUTIVE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR MODIFY THE RULES AT ANYTIME.
Change: The SAWT Executive reserve the right to call an emergency member meeting to vote on changes to rules at any time.
 - d. Pre-fishing is permitted THREE DAYS ONLY prior to the start of the posted tournament start date. Pre-fish day one and day two have no fishing hour limits. The last pre-fish day hours will be 6:00 am – 2:00 pm sharp. During pre-fishing, no fish can be harvested as this is still a catch and release time period for participating boats. NO PREFISHING CAN OCCUR DURING THE WEEK,

prior to each tournament. If you intend on fishing the tournament, registered or not at that time, you are not permitted to pre-fish DURING THE WEEK before each tournament as stated in these rules.

Rule Change: Pre-fishing will have no restrictions up until the day before the tournament. Anglers must be off the water by 2pm on the day before the tournament.

- e. **New Executive Position:** A motion for a new executive position for a website/social media manager was proposed and approved.

Other Topics of Discussion:

Posting of Boundaries: It was requested that the fishing boundaries for each lake be posted before tournament season starts once the lakes are known so anglers know where the out of bounds are for further in advance.

Changing of tournament days: Tournament days will be changed to Saturday/Sunday tournament days. In the case of dangerous fishing conditions on one of the tournament days, the tournament will become a one-day tournament of that weekend.

Sponsorships for 2025: Discussion around all members helping or suggesting any opportunities for sponsorship would be incredibly helpful. We are happy to share our sponsorship letter with you to pass along. Also, if you have a good sponsorship opportunity and would like us to approach them, please let us know.

2026 AGM Date: The 2026 AGM will take place on the first day of the last tournament. The rules meeting and AGM will occur at the same time. Location TBD and will be posted on the website.

Action items for the 2026 AGM:

Length of SAWT executive terms

Nominations and voting of new executive members

SAWT Board creation/Executive Restructuring

Posting of daily results: It was requested and agreed upon that the names and boat numbers will not be posted on the website or social media at the tournament, on social media or on the website after day one. The final tournament results will not be posted on the website or social media until after the awards ceremony on Sunday evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm