

Suskie Bassmasters Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2025

Location: River Grill

Time: 6:00 PM (Called to order at 6:20 PM)

Attendees: Dave, Ralph, Matt, Jim, Tom, Chris, John

Items Discussed:

- **Bylaws Update**
 - Jim reported that bylaws have been amended to exclude language pertaining to kayakers.
 - Updated bylaws will be posted online.
- **Permits**
 - Jim confirmed that all permits for the season have been secured.
- **New Penalty Proposal**
 - Chris proposed a "dead fish penalty" of half-pound, with no monetary involvement.
 - This would allow anglers to earn credit toward Angler of the Year. Further discussion will take place at the General meeting.
- **Schedule Changes**
 - The cleanup event has been rescheduled for June 7th.
- **Launch Safety**
 - There was a discussion regarding faster boats necessitating new launch orders and procedures.
 - A plan needs to be developed for safe launching this season.
- **Sponsorships**
 - Chris mentioned the need for approximately 5 more sponsors for 2025.
 - Ron Russo was commended for his exceptional work in securing sponsors this year.
- **Park Developments**
 - Chris reported the city proposal to move the Frisbee Court to Riverbend Park.
 - There was a discussion about potential facilities for pickleball or basketball under the bridges.
 - There is talk of cleaning up tent city and removing invasive plant species from the area.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.