

Suskie Bassmasters General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2025

Location: River Grill

Time: 7:00 PM (Called to order at 7:05 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 Wednesday nite "dead fish penalty" of half-pound, with no monetary involvement.
- Anyone weighing in with a dead fish would not be eligible for any monetary prize for that tournament and would also not be eligible for Lunker of the Year. This would, however, allow anglers to earn credit toward Angler of the Year and Championship eligibility. Bag tournament rules for a dead fish will remain the same
- This seemed to have ample club support so we'll vote on it at the next meeting and add it to the rules for 2025.

- **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. A rotating schedule was proposed to be fair in the large 80HP group. The fastest boats will launch first every week.

- **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.
- **General Comments**
 - Brian asked if anyone knew of potential restrictions with the bridge activity in Pittson. Matt said the contractor would be required to form an ATON plan to ensure the waterway remained navigable during any construction.
 - Jim noted that 2025 will be the clubs 20th year. We will look into merch to highlight that this year. Someone also mentioned a special prize relative to the number 20 this year. More discussion will be had on that at our final offseason meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday May 28 at 7:00 PM at River Grill

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.