

**PA Suskie Bassmasters  
General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday 5/19/2016, 7PM Grotto, Edwardsville**

**BOD Attendance:** Ed Mrochko, Jim Lacomis, Frank Slymock, Rob Rosencrans, Chris Ostrowski

**Call to Order:** Jim opened the meeting at 7:10.

**Quorum:** A quorum was established as 5 of 7 board members were present.

**Guests:** None

**Prior Minutes:** Jim asked for a motion to approve the prior minutes. Lynda Rosencrans made the motion, John Centak second, motion to accept minutes passed.

**Business:**

Cleanup of the Kirby Launch went well. Thanks to everyone who showed up. Turnout was not that great. All the board members and a few of the new members showed up as well as Representatives from the Riverfront committee.

Chris gave an update on the 2016 grant process. Even though we did not secure any grant money this year, it was a good learning experience for all involved. Chris did an outstanding job on the applications and coordinating all the information. Unfortunately we fell victim to some politics in the gaming grant and the DCNR grant has some technical requirements that we learned after the fact. We will continue to pursue these grants and even though we were not successful this year, we feel we are in a good position for next year.

The lighting of the launch remains an active project for us. We are still committed to pursuing this for the benefit of the community. We will be evaluating some solar lighting samples in the coming weeks and hope to have a direction based on those evaluations. Tom Shafer brought up some interesting points after the meeting in regards to ADA requirements relative to lighting at the launch. We will be having some discussions on this issue in the coming weeks. Chris agreed to contact some local officials for clarifications.

We are continuing to look for 2016 sponsorships. We are asking for \$50 to sponsor a week of trophies. All Sponsors will appear on our Website for the year and sponsors will be recognized on the trophies as well. Thanks to all of those who have sponsored us in various ways so far for 2016.

Cabela's, EM Auto, Lee Electric, Rosencrans Construction, Bypass Mulch, HML Global Packaging, Pizza Bella, Team Mako, Team Centak, Rob and Lynda Rosencrans, Jamie Gorton, Dallas Sporting Goods, Gene Kelleher, Big Top Rentals

Suskie T-Shirts are available for purchase. \$10 up to XL. \$15 for all sizes 2XL and up.

Thanks to all the members who signed up at the meeting! You can still download the membership form online. Please try and have them filled out if you plan on registering at the June 22 tournament. Forms will be available but it helps the process if you come prepared.

Chris discussed Riverfest again and some details are beginning to get finalized. Chris is continuing to work with John Mayday from the Riverfront Parks committee to coordinate activities, times and locations of events as well as secure volunteers for the weekend. We have secured a tent from Big Top Rentals, donations from the PAFBC via Bob Albee Dallas Sporting goods, donations of rod and reel combos from Cabela's and Jim Lacomis and a fish tank from Matt Miller for displaying some live fish for the kids. Ed got confirmation for the PAFBC that we are OK to keep some fish in a tank during this event. We will schedule a meeting in the next 2-3 weeks via Facebook to finalize some details. Volunteers will be needed for this event for Fri, Sat and Sunday. We had floated the idea of having a tournament on Sunday this year. We decided that we would see how this year's event goes and that will help us decide for a possible tournament at next year's event.

Open Tournaments will be held on July 24 and August 21 this year. These will be Team Events. Entry fee will be \$60 per team with a \$10 buy in for Lunker. Tournaments will run from Safe light until 2PM. More details will follow as we approach these dates.

2016 forms are up on the Website. The Suskie rules have been finalized for the 2016 Season There will be no changes to the rules.

John Nealon asked about our rules pertaining to extra gas. The rules are clear that you are not allowed to place gas along the shoreline. As far as on-board vessels, members are expected to comply with current Coast Guard regulations pertaining to fuel containers and storage on boats.

We will be looking for volunteers to call on during the tournament season, duties will include, but are not limited to, checking live wells, paying attention to returning boats and times, and helping out with weigh ins if necessary. A few members did voice their interest in volunteering.

**Season begins on June 22!!! Registration will begin around 4:30 PM**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM