SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, October 29, 2015, 10:00 AM Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor) Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

<u>GCAB Members Present</u>: G. Smith, M. Rogers, S. Leasure, B. Morris, C. Jennings, D Sykes, S. Holder, B. Roof, J. Reed (Superior Diesel)

GCAB Members Absent: H. Johnson, P. Loy, T. Hancock, M. Daniels

DNR Staff Present: R. Boyles, W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, M. Ingle, K. Spry

Guests: Brian Bell

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Chairman Smith

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting's (Sept 2015) minutes. D. Sykes made a motion to approve the minutes; B. Morris 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D.D. Boyles welcomed the members to the meeting and asked that they keep in mind and consider nominations for Board vacancies coming in July (2016).

Public Comment: Chairman Smith

N/A

Tournament Committee Report: A. Dukes

- Amy presented the 2016 Series Schedule as proposed by the Tournament Committee. The AB would prefer that all Tournaments follow a format of fishing two out of the three days. M. Daniels made a motion to approve the 2016 Series Schedule as presented. B. Roof 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- There was overall discussion of possible changes to the 2016 Series. These suggestions would be taken back to the TC for further discussion and recommendations at their February 5th meeting:
 - Photos-AB recommendation that photos would remain for the 2016
 Season
 - Billfish Release Points AB recommended the current point structure remain in place
 - Committee Boat Selection Process AB recommended that they along with TC members volunteer to serve as committee boats at each event.
 - Carrol A. Campbell Award- decision to remain at the discretion of the AB.
 - Mate of the Year AB deferred decision to the TC and recommended that nomination parameters were to be established. Nominations would be solicited at the end of each tournament.
 - Real Time Updates Further details would be provided at the February meeting outlining the potential options available in 2016.

New Business: Wally Jenkins

- September 30th has been reserved for the 2016 Awards Reception at the Island House.
- Wally reviewed 2015 Revenues & Expenditures noting that 2015 sponsorship pledges were the highest in Series history. The Board agreed to increase HH Scholarship to \$2500.00 in 2016.
- The Board encouraged Wally & Amy to pursue new Public Relations/Social media outlets and report at the next meeting.
- Wally asked for a subcommittee from the Board to assist in fundraising efforts. Jim Reed and Stevie Leasure volunteered to assist.

Other Business

 Amy reminded the AB to be thinking about Board nominations for the two vacancies occurring in July 2016.

Adjournment: Chairman Smith

Chairman Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Jennings made a motion to adjourn. M. Rogers 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.