

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: M. Rogers, F. Bergen, B. Roof, H. Johnson, D. Sykes, S. Leasure, B. Morris, J. Reed. S. Holder (by phone)

GCAB Members Absent: T. Hancock, M. Daniels, C. Jennings, H. Edwards

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

Guests: S. Mungo (incoming Board Member), Bryan Richardson, Nick Macpherson, McKenzie Hutaff

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Chairman Rogers

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order. He asked if there were any changes to be made to the previous meeting (Feb 2016) minutes. There were none, he approved the minutes as presented.

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D.D. Boyles thanked the Board for a successful 2016 Series and updated the Board on the recent cobia legislation which protects spawning cobia in S.C inshore waters. He apologized for Wally Jenkins' absence as he was attending the HMS Advisory Panel meeting in Washington.

Public Comment: Chairman Rogers

McKenzie Hutaff requests an alternative date for the Megadock Tournament to be held in 2017. She asked for July 5-8. The request will be addressed in the 2017 Proposed Tournament Schedule under New Business.

Tournament Committee Report: A. Dukes

Amy reviewed the TC meeting summary document which included the following Tournament Committee recommendations:

- To set a minimum standard for the number of tagged and released fish to qualify for the Blue Water Conservation Award
- Language change to Fishing Guidelines
- Change tournament dates to allow going past the July 31st cutoff to be able to host a tournament through the 2nd weekend in August.

Old Business:

S. Leasure thanked the Board for its willingness to oversee the Memorial Reef funds for future projects. DNR Staff will continue to work with IT Staff in Columbia to ensure a smooth transition of the website to the DNR server. S. Leasure presented the Board with a \$5200.00 check in support of the Memorial Reef given by the 50/50 tournament. M. Rogers thanked for the support.

New Business: Amy Dukes

- A. Nominations and Approval of V. Chairman vacancy – tabled until next meeting.
- B. Approval of 2016 Series Winners, including special recognitions and approval. **A motion was made by H. Johnson to approve the 2016 Series winners as presented**

- along with Buck Morris as the Carroll A. Campbell Award recipient and Harrison Hughes as the Mate of the Year recipient. S. Leasure 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of 2017 Proposed Schedule – A motion was made by H. Johnson to approve the 2017 Schedule as presented, including the amended date selected by Megadock. B. Morris 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Awards Reception Overview- A. Dukes discussed the evening's event and encouraged the Board to attend on September 30th at the Island House on Johns Island.
- E. Final revenue breakdown- A. Dukes reviews the revenue spreadsheet for 2016 and noted that the Series was very close to projected expenditures for the calendar year.
- F. Bergen suggested soliciting 2017 contributions before the end of the calendar year for tax incentive purposes.
- F. Items to be discussed at next Board meeting
- Rules language
 - Radio Applications
 - Social Media/Cameron Rhodes
 - Fundraising
- G. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 am

Other Business:

N/A

Adjournment: Chairman Rogers

D. Sykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, F. Bergen 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.