

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: M. Rogers, T. Hancock, F. Bergen, D. Sykes (by phone), C. Jennings, B. Morris, J. Reed, S. Leasure (by phone), S. Holder, H. Edwards

GCAB Members Absent: B. Roof, H. Johnson

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

Guests: S. Mungo (incoming Board Member), D. Menefee, M. Hutaff, D. Carter

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 (September 2016) minutes. There were none, he approved the minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Chairman Rogers:

N/A

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D.D. Boyles called for a moment of silence for the Johnson family, who suffered the loss of former GCAB Chairman Francis Johnson's wife, Dixie.

He briefed the Board on pending Cobia management regulations. A public meeting will be held in Beaufort on December 12th.

Tournament Committee Report: A. Dukes

Amy reviewed the Tournament Committee meeting discussions which included the following recommendations:

- Proposed venue change for the Carolina Billfish Classic to the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina
- Recommended languages changes to the Series Tournament Guidelines
- Winter Publicity Campaign
- Proposed 2018 Tournament Dates –selection process (Board requested that Staff explore the concept with DNR Legal Counsel with respects to Series contracts.)

Old Business: Wally Jenkins

Wally provided the Board with an update and challenges facing SCDNR taking over the S.C Memorial Reef website. S. Mingo suggested than an outside group take over the management of the website. D. Menefee offered to take it to the Harry Hampton Board for a possible solution. She and Amy Dukes will contact Jim Goller to explore options.

New Business: Amy Dukes

- A. Nomination and Approval for Vice-Chairman vacancy- **T. Hancock made a motion to nominate S. Leasure for the position of Vice-Chairman of the GCAB. H. Edwards 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Awards Reception Overview- The date for the 2017 reception is September 29th. The Island House has already been reserved.

C. 2016 Revenue and Expenditures through September – Wally Jenkins reviewed the Account Summary spreadsheet for 2016 outlining expenditures through Sept. of 2016. After the review Wally asked the Board if they would like to make a motion(s) to approve the three outstanding expenditures which include: Wallace Pate Scholarship (\$2500), the H.H. yearly assessment fee (apprx. \$1000), and a yearly H.H. Sponsorship (\$1000). **B. Morris made a motion to approve all three expenditures as one motion. S. Holder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**

D. 2017 Series Planning Discussions –
The Board reviewed all of the changes proposed by the T.C. for the Tournament Guidelines. Discussions ensued, F. Bergen and S. Holder agreed to work with Amy and the T.C. on revisions specifically regarding disqualification of fish vs day and associated point penalty.

Venue Change for CBC from Toler's Cove to Charleston Harbor Resort Marina – **F. Bergen made a motion to approve the change, T. Hancock 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.**

Fundraising – Amy reminded AB members to start thinking of ways to fundraise for the 2017 Series and to bring any ideas forth to her.

E. Date and Time of next Advisory Board meeting – February 9th at 10:00 am

Other Business:

N/A

Adjournment: Chairman Rogers

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