

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 7, 2018, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: J. Kohl, B. Roof, S. Mungo, D. Sykes, C. Jennings, F. Bergen

GCAB Members by Phone: S. Holder, J. Hill, J. Reed, C. Sanders

GCAB Members Absent: B. McClam, H. Johnson, H. Edwards

DNR Staff Present: W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, R. Boyles, M. Ingle, W. Ladue, and K. Rudnay (by phone)

Guests: Bobby Garmony, Claude Burns

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Vice Chairman Mungo

Vice Chairman Mungo asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (Feb. 2018). **F. Bergen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, B. Roof 2nd; motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D. D. Boyles thanked the Board for a very successful 30th Series season. He briefed the Board on Legislative actions including Cobia and Red Drum. Furthermore, he updated the Board on the cold weather event and the impact(s) on Spotted Sea Trout. Early data shows it is not as bad as initially feared. DD Boyles discussed recent senior staff retirements including David Whitaker, Al Stokes, and Nancy Hadley. He concluded with updated the status of the Harry Hampton Scholarship program for DNR Staff which is in its initial implementation.

Tournament Committee Report: B. Garmony/ A. Dukes

V. Chairman Garmony, and A. Dukes reviewed the TC meeting summary of discussions document. AB Discussion ensued regarding possible changes to the 2019 Tournament Guidelines, no action was taken.

The following motions were made:

- **A motion was made by F. Bergen to grant Megadock a Bye for the 2019 Series due to the construction occurring next summer. D. Sykes 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**
- **A motion was made by J. Hill to encourage Megadock and CBC to work together to develop a larger Charleston harbor-based tournament. F. Bergen 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**
- **A motion was made by F. Bergen to approve Bryan Richardson as a new member of the Tournament Committee. J. Kohl 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Jennings made a motion to approve the 2018 Series Winners as presented by staff, J. Hill 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by F. Bergen to accept the 2019 GC Series Schedule as presented, C. Jennings 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- Mike Larrow was selected to receive the Carrol A Campbell award for 2018 and George Campsen was selected to receive the Mate of the Year award for 2018.
- The AB does not support the TC motion to eliminate calling in hook-ups for sailfish and white marlin and asked the TC to revisit that change.

Old Business: Amy Dukes

- SC Memorial Reef: Amy reviewed the current status of the possible Hwy 21 bridge project for the SC Memorial Reef. Negotiations are in the preliminary stages with funding challenges expected in the future. This project may be more costly than the previous reef projects.
- Possible Rule Changes: No action taken.

New Business: ALL

- Nomination and approval for Chairman of AB Vacancy: Steve Mungo was nominated. A motion was made C. Jennings to approve the nomination of Steve Mungo to Board Chairman. D. Sykes 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- Nomination and approval for Vice Chairman of AB Vacancy: Fred Bergen was nominated. A motion was made D. Sykes to approve the nomination of Fred Bergen to Board Chairman. J. Kohl 2nd, motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of 2018 Series Winners: See TC report above.
- 2019 Tournament Schedule: See TC report above.
- Awards Reception Overview: A. Dukes reviewed the upcoming rewards reception; encouraged all AB members to attend.
- 2019 Series: A. Dukes requested AB members to consider possible changes to the upcoming season to be discussed at the next AB meeting.

Other Business: ALL

Claude Burns expressed his interest in the Board investigating possible use of FADs (Fish Attraction Device) during Series events. He encouraged the Board to consider making FAD use illegal in Series Tournament Guidelines.

Chairman Mungo requested a review of the Series Bylaws, specifically the term period to coincide with the calendar year.

Date and Time of next AB Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the AB Board is Friday, December 7th, 2018.

Adjournment: Chairman Mungo

Chairman Mungo adjourned the meeting at 11:55 pm.