

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 8, 2019, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: S. Mungo, F. Bergen, H. Johnson, D. Sykes, J. Hill, J. Kohl, B. McClam, J. Reed

GCAB Members by Phone: S. Holder, C. Sanders, C. Oxner

GCAB Members Absent: C. Jennings, B. Roof, H. Edwards

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

Guests: S. Whitaker, J. Goller, E. Keelin

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Chairman Mungo

Chairman Mungo called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes (December 2018). **F. Bergen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; H. Johnson 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D.D. Boyles gave a Legislative update.

Tournament Committee Report: A. Dukes

Amy reviewed the optional rule changes presented by the TC on the use of FADs, polygraphs, and all release of blue marlin. DNR legal staff advised against changing the language in the rules. The T.C. made a motion not to approve the proposed rules/language changes. Discussion ensued regarding the issue. **A motion was made by F. Bergen for a resolution to go the T.C. that participants cannot knowingly fish over a FAD. H. Johnson 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business: Amy Dukes

D.D. Boyles reviewed the Agency Operating Policies used by other DNR Advisory Committees and presented the draft operating policy to the Board to bring the GCAB more in line with these policies. **F. Bergen made a motion to recommend the approval of the newly drafted SCGC Operating Policy to the DNR Board. One change was also made prior to the approval motion, which changed the meeting attendance percentage from 50% to 75% of scheduled meetings. J. Kohl seconded, motion passed unanimously.**

New Business: ALL

A. Budget

- Wally reviewed the 2018 final fundraising and expenditures.
- Wally presented the 2019 sponsorship/fundraising goals and also the proposed expenditures – **H. Johnson made a motion to approve the 2019 budget expenditures, J. Kohl 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Annual Report
- Wally asked for a volunteer to review the 2018 Draft Annual Report. F. Bergen and S. Holder offered to do so. **A motion was made by S. Holder to approve the 2018 Annual Report after edits incorporated to the DNR Board for approval. H. Johnson, 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**
- C. 2019 Series Discussion/Possible Changes
- Staff presented proposed language changes to the Series Contracts for the 2019 season. **F. Bergen made a motion to approve changes to the 2019 Series Contracts as presented by Staff. J. Kohl 2nd, motion carried unanimously.**
- D. S. C. Memorial Reef/Harry Hampton
- Staff provided an update on the progress of the Hwy. 21 Bridge project as a potential new reef structure. Stay tuned! Chairman Mungo encouraged Tournaments to promote the S.C. Memorial Reef project at Series tournaments to garner more community support.
 - Jim Goller with the Harry Hampton Wildlife Board briefed the Board on the inaugural Harry Hampton Wildlife Ball taking place the Thursday before the Palmetto Sportsman Classic in March. He graciously asked the Board's support in either sponsorship or silent auction items for the Gala. Collectively, between the Series and individual Board members \$6000 was pledged for the event.
- E. Date & Time of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be Friday, September 6, 2019.

Other Business: ALL

- Haddrell's Point Tackle & Supply was considering a sponsorship for 2019, however they were seeking a reduced amount based upon the Series comprised of 4 tournaments instead of 5. No motion was made.
- Wally updated the Board on the PSAT Tagging Project. He noted that the final draft is finished and has been reviewed. It will subsequently will be published.
- MARMAP has requested salary time be sponsored by the GCAB to clean up the PSAT Tagging database. The previously approved 2019 expenditures accounted for this request.

Adjournment: Chairman Mungo:

Chairman Mungo adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.