

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, November 15, 2019 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: F. Bergen, C. Jennings, H. Johnson, D. Sykes, J. Kohl, R. McClam, C. Sanders, J. Ives (Ex-officio)

GCAB Members by Phone: S. Mungo, J. Hill, C. Oxner, J. Reed

GCAB Members Absent: H. Edwards, S. Holder, B. Roof

DNR Staff Present: R. Boyles, P. Maier, W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, M. Ingle, W. Ladue, S. Bobertz,

Guests: B. Garmany, TC Chairman

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chairman Bergen:

Vice-Chairman Bergen called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (September 2019) **A motion was made by J. Hill to accept the minutes with the edit that he was in fact on the phone and not at the meeting. 2nd by S. Mungo. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

Deputy Director's Comments: Phil Maier

Acting Deputy Director Maier reported that former DNR Director Taylor received the C.W. Watson Award for Outstanding Conservation achievement at the SEAFWA (Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies) conference in Hilton Head. He briefed the Board on the status of the Flounder fishery based on the recent regional stock assessment. MRD is currently engaged in gathering public input through surveys and outreach which will be presented to decision makers.

Tournament Committee Report: B. Garmany/A. Dukes

- A. 2020 Possible Rule Change – TC Chairman Bobby Garmany reviewed the draft language from the TC for a new Series fishing guideline requiring all individuals aboard a participating vessel to possess a valid S.C. Saltwater Fishing License.

Old Business – W. Jenkins

Wally updated the Board on the Hwy 21 bridge/SC Memorial Reef project. Staff are waiting for the contractor to provide deployment options and associated costs.

New Business: ALL

- A. Final Revenue Breakdown for 2019: Wally reviewed the final revenue breakdown. Actual deposits equaled \$94,975.00.
- B. 2019 Expenditures through September 2019: After reviewing the 2019 Series expenditures it was noted that the Series came in under budget as of September.
- C. Approval of Reappointment: **A motion was made by S. Mungo to reappoint Fred Bergen to a 2nd term on the GCAB. J. Hill 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. Nomination and Approval of New Advisory Board Members: Staff presented the three nominations provided by AB members including: Holly McAlhany, Tim Gredick, Billy Gressette. **C. Jennings made a motion to close the nominations, 2nd by H. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. D. Sykes then made a motion to approve the three nominees as new members on the Advisory Board. 2nd by J. Kohl, motion carried unanimously.**
- E. 2019 Series Planning Discussion:
 1. Rules Changes: Staff requested that age constitution of a youth angler be added to fishing guideline #16. **D. Sykes made a motion to add age information to guideline #16. C. Jennings 2nd, motion carried unanimously.** Additionally, the AB reviewed the draft language presented by the TC regarding fishing licenses and noted it needed to specify that it's only applicable for individuals 16yrs and older (as required by South Carolina law). **S. Mungo made a motion to create a new fishing guideline to add the license requirement for participating vessels. J. Hill 2nd, motion carried unanimously.** Stokely Holder emailed the Board in his absence a request that a rule be created to ban FADs in Series Tournaments. Discussion ensued – burden of proof is an issue. J. Reed suggested the TC make a decision to be reviewed by the AB. V.C. Bergen asked the TC Chairman to bring a proposed fishing guideline to the February AB meeting.
 2. Awards Reception: Staff has reserved the Founder's Hall facility for Friday, October 9th, 2020.

Other Business: ALL

- A. Overview of SCDNR Advisory Board Policies – S. Bobertz: Chief Legal Counsel Shannon Bobertz reviewed with the Board the policies outlined for all SCDNR Advisory Boards' conduct.
- B. Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the GCAB is Friday, February 7th, 2020.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Bergen:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.