# SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 10:00 AM Via Virtual Meeting

**GCAB Members Present**: J. Reed, W. Frierson, D. Jennings, C. Oxner, J. Kohl, F. Bergen,

S. Mungo, B. McClam, H. McAlhany, S. Holder, J. Ives, J. Hill,

R. McClam

**GCAB Members Absent:** T. Gredick, C. Sanders

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

**Guests:** B. Garmony, D. Carter, B. Bell, C. Rhodes, S. Whitaker (CCA)

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

Chairman Mungo called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. F. Bergen made a motion to approve- J. Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Comment: N/A

## **Deputy Director's Comments: W. Jenkins:**

Program Director Jenkins noted that Deputy Director Maier was in Columbia meeting with Legislators about the agencies legislative packages and could not be at the meeting. He welcomed new members Douglas Jennings and Wesley Frierson and thanked Bubba Roof for his six years of service.

## **Tournament Committee Report: W. Jenkins:**

He informed the AB that planning was well under way for the new season. There were two nominations to fill the vacancies on the Tournament Committee: Sean Dooley and Alan Neiford. B. Gressette made a motion to nominate the 2 TC recommendations presented to the Tournament Committee. F. Bergen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

The TC also brought forth a recommendation to the AB for removed the word "harpooned" from the Series Fishing Guidelines and the Series Tournament Contracts. A motion was made by J. Kohl to remove the word "harpoon from the Series Fishing Guidelines and subsequently, the Series Tournament Contracts. J. Hill 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

#### Old Business - W. Jenkins:

## A. <u>SC Memorial Reef /Hwy 21 Bridge Project Update:</u>

Wally showed the AB the website update and remarked on what a great asset it is for fundraising for the project. To date, \$100,000 has been donated. He noted that 180 letters were sent out on Chairman Mungo's behalf and C. Rhodes noted several upcoming articles about the reef. Chairman Mungo encouraged Board members to donate if they haven't already done so.

#### New Business: W. Jenkins:

## A. Budget-Final Expenses for 2020:

Wally reviewed the final numbers for the 2020 Series. Many items will roll to 2021. The Series ended in the black again even during this difficult and challenging year for the Series. Agency Director Boyles jumped in to thank the Series to maintaining the program even during this difficult time.

## B. Proposed 2021 Budget:

Wally reviewed the estimated proposed expenditures for the 2021 Series. J. Hill made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented. F. Bergen  $2^{nd}$ , motion carried unanimously.

# C. 2021 Sponsors & Fundraising Efforts:

Wally went over the list of 2021 sponsorship pledges received thus far. He is confident we will continue to achieve strong sponsorship even without inperson visits.

#### D. 2020 Draft Annual Report:

Wally asked for a sub-committee to review the 2020 Annual Report when he had the draft prepared. S. Holder, F. Bergen, J. Hill and H. McAlhany volunteered to review the report.

## E. 2021 Series Planning Discussion:

Wally stated that with the finalized Series Fishing Guidelines, contracts between the agency and the individual tournaments would be distributed once final approval from DNR legal counsel was provided.

## Other Business: ALL N/A

#### Adjournment: Chairman Mungo:

Chairman Mungo thanked Wally, Amy, Kayla, and Cameron for ALL their hard work last year, and stressed the Series and the AB wish Kayla the best in the future and added that she would be missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.