

**SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 28, 2020, 10:00 AM**

GCAB Members Present: S. Mungo, B. Gressette, H. McAlhany, B. McClam, C. Sanders, T. Gredick, J. Reed, N. Pulliam, J. Ives

GCAB Members by Phone: F. Bergen, S. Holder, C. Oxner

GCAB Members Absent: B. Roof, J. Hill, J. Kohl

DNR Staff Present: W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, K. Rudnay, C. Rhodes, P. Maier

Guests: P. Beck, D. Carter, J. Goller

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Mungo:

Chairman Mungo called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (11/15/2019). **F. Bergen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; B. McClam 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: None.

Deputy Director's Comments: Phil Maier

Deputy Director Maier congratulated F. Bergen on his second term and welcomed H. McAlhany, T. Gredick, B. Gressette to the AB. He also briefed the Board on several items:

- Newly appointed Director Boyles is excited about his new leadership role and appreciates the support from the Governor's Cup Board.
- Legislative actions include flounder with an introduced bill for session; Spadefish regulations complete with 14-inch fork length - 10 fish per person - 30 per boat limit, Tripletail regulations complete with 18-inch fork length - 3 fish per person - 9 per boat limit 3 per person limit; and recodify cobia regs which will not change current regulations, just implement federal law to state law.

Tournament Committee Report: Amy Dukes

Review of the proposed added language to the Fishing Guideline for #1, as presented by the TC and modified by DNR Legal Counsel would require every participant aboard a boat to have licenses. "In addition, every individual (age 16 and above) aboard the vessel must have a valid official S.C Saltwater Fishing License in their possession." Discussion ensued; **S. Holder made a motion to approve the presented language; C. Sanders 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business: Amy Dukes

An information sheet was provided by staff which outlined the 3 options that could happen with bridge and associated costs, with the bridge likely not to be completed to 2023. Chairman Mungo stated that, from biological standpoint, option 1 is best; yet would cost over \$300,000. The AB advised staff to share the project, with option 1 being the preferred path, with the TC at their upcoming meeting and coordinate this fundraising goal through a connect during the tournaments and through social media.

New Business: AB Action Items

A. Nomination and approval of new Advisory Board member

No new nominations have been received by staff. S. Sanders suggested Douglas Jennings, and he furthered stated he would speak with Douglas and initiate a nomination form if interested.

B. Budget

Wally reviewed the final 2019 expenditures, stating that once again the Series ended the year in the black. He then presented the proposed 2020 expenditures and addressed questioned. **C. Sanders made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented; B. McClam 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.** Wally then discussed the current and projected fundraising efforts. It was a positive outlook.

C. 2019 draft Annual Report

Staff still finalizing the report in the coming days. It will be provided to all AB members; however, it will need to be reviewed/edited by an AB member. Staff asked Stokely if he would review it as he has done in years past, he accepted. After review, the report will need to be provided to the DNR Board, to facilitate this, **a motion was made by S. holder to approve the report, once it is finished and reviewed by himself, C. Sanders 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. 2020 Series discussion/possible changes

See Tournament Committee Report.

E. SC Memorial Reef/Harry Hampton

Staff explained the need hire a new website manager for the SC Memorial reef, as the current company was no longer able to support the site. Staff have received several quotes but will incur a cost which was not currently in the budget. Staff recommended the Rooted ID \$2,500 quote, and the need to get the website up to date for the new Highway 21 Bridge Project as it can reach more people. Staff were provided the go ahead. TC member Jim Goller invited the AB to the 2nd Annual Wildlife Ball scheduled on March 26th in Columbia, and asked members to consider an individual pledge of support for the event. Collectively, the AB members and staff pledged \$2,500.

F. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was set for September 18, 2020.

Other Business: ALL

None.

Adjournment: Chairman Mungo:

B. McClam made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Gressette 2nd; meeting adjourned at 11:25 am