

**SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2021**  
**Administration Building Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)/Virtual**  
**Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC**

**GCAB Members Present:** F. Bergen, J. Kohl, B. Gressette, J. Ives, H. McAlhany, J. Reed

**GCAB Members by Virtual:** T. Greddick, J. Hill, B. Garmony, D. Jennings, W. Frierson, C. Sanders, DNR Board Liaison, C. Oxner, S. Holder

**GCAB Members Absent:** S. Mungo, B. McClam

**DNR Staff Present:** Director Boyles, Dukes, Gooding, LaDue, Ingle

**Guests:** D. Black, Georgetown Marina Tournament Director, B. Griffin and B. Anderson both T.C. Members

**Call Meeting to Order – Vice Chairman Bergen:**

Vice Chairman Bergen called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

J. Kohl made a motion to approve the September 2, 2021 minutes. B. Gressette 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment: N/A**

**D.D. Comments – Director Boyles:**

Director Boyles congratulated Staff and the AB for a very successful Series, highlighting strong continued blue water conservation and stewardship. Additionally, the Awards Reception and banquet was a success; noting the heartfelt send off to Wally Jenkins. He also provided an update on the declining health of Deputy Director Maier.

**Tournament Committee Report - B. Garmony:**

- A. Bobby welcomed new Georgetown Tournament Director David Black to the T.C.
- B. Bobby reviewed the T.C. Summary from the 8/31 meeting.
  - 1. The AB had discussion on Corporate Sponsorship and associated benefits. No action taken.
  - 2. Discussion about the new acceptable forms of SCDNR Licenses at tournaments. No action taken.
  - 3. Staff updated the AB on the NWS small craft advisory possible zone changes. No action taken.

**Old Business: ALL**

- A. SC Memorial Reef: Elizabeth Gooding provided an update on the fundraising efforts for the M/V Coastal Venture, noting a significant anonymous donation. The vessel is getting closer to being ready for deployment in early 2022.

**New Business: Amy:**

- A. Final Revenue: Amy provided a revenue breakdown through September for the 2021 Series. Several outstanding pledges are still to be collected.

- B. Expenditures: Amy reviewed expenditures through September, noting that the Series is on track to end in the black for 2021.
- C. Reappointments for AB Members: J. Kohl, B. McClam and C. Sanders. **A motion was made by B. Gressette to reappoint all three for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term. H. McAlhany 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. 2022 Series Planning Discussion
  - 1. Rule Changes: AB discussed the use of sonar devices and if there was a need to implement a rule regarding the timing of their use. The AB requested the TC discuss at their Jan 2022 meeting and bring back recommendations to the AB.
  - 2. Awards Reception: Staff have procured Founders Hall for the 2022 Series Awards Reception and Banquet on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Other Business: ALL**

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Thursday February 3rd at 10:00 am.

**Adjournment: Vice Chairman Bergen:**

Vice Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **J. Kohl made the motion to adjourn; B. Gressette 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.**