

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors
Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2022
Administration Building Conference Room
Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: J. Kohl, B. Gressette, T. Gredick, F. Bergen, J. Reed, J. Ives, S. Mungo, D. Jennings

GCAB Members by Virtual: C. Oxner, J. Hill, W. Frierson, C. Sanders, H. McAlhany

GCAB Members Absent: B. McClam, S. Holder

DNR Staff Present: A. Dukes, E. Gooding, W. Ladue, M. Ingle, B. Keppler

Guests: C. Rhodes, L. Weston, Bohicket Marina Staff

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 August 30, 2022.

**S. Mungo made a motion to approve the August 2022 minutes. J. Kohl 2nd.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: Loyd Weston (T.C. member) addressed the AB about sponsorship concerns and contractual requirements for the tournaments. He provided a list of possible solutions for consideration. It was tabled until Other Business.

D.D. Comments - B. Keppler:

- Announced Ben Dyar as the new OFM Director – Mel Bell will be Chief of Interjurisdictional Fisheries.
- Thanked everyone for attending the Awards Reception and congratulated Norman Pulliam and Amy Dukes for their special recognition awards that were justly deserved.

Old Business – E. Gooding:

- Elizabeth update the AB about revisions to the SC Memorial Reef website to include the sinking of the M/V Coastal Venture.
- Staff presented a framed certificate to John Hill to recognize the renaming of the M/V Coastal Venture site to the David Redd Reef in honor of the late David Redd.
- Elizabeth provided a fund raising update and she and Amy presented Vice Chairman Bergen and former Chairman Mungo with M/V Coastal Ventura memorabilia in recognition for their outstanding contributions.

New Business:

- A. Nominations and Approval for Chairman Vacancy
Former Chairman S. Mungo provided a letter of resignation to the agency prior to the November AB meeting. **A motion was made by S. Mungo to name Vice Chairman Fred Bergen as the Chairman of the Board, J. Hill 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Nominations and Approval for Vice Chairman Vacancy

A motion was made by Chairman Bergen to name Mr. John Hill as the Vice Chairman of the Board, J. Kohl 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approval of Reappointment for Advisory Board Members
A motion was made by J. Kohl to reappointment Mrs. Holly McAlhany, Mr. Tim Gredick, and Mr. William Gressette to serve a second term, S. Mungo 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Nominations and Approval of New Advisory Board Member
A motion was made by S. Mungo to accept the two nominations presented, J. Kohl 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by W. Gressette to appoint Mr. Robert Rodelsperger to serve on the Board beginning January 2023 and have Mr. Miles Herring fill the next AB vacancy in January 2024, J. Kohl 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Final Revenue Breakdown for 2022 - Amy reviewed the final revenue breakdown.
- F. 2022 Expenditures through September/October – Amy continued by reviewing the expenditure through October.
- G. Social Media Review - Cameron Rhodes provided a summary presentation of all Series social media coverage from 2022, highlighting the 400+ postings featuring over 2,500+ photos documenting the events.
- H. 2023 Series Planning Discussion – Staff revisited the sonar rule that was implemented by the tournaments, noting that it was a success. No changes next year. Staff also requested save the date for AB members to attend the 2023 Awards Reception on Friday, September 29. The silent auction this year generated over \$6500 in support of the SC Memorial Reef.

Other Business:

- A. Mate of Year – Jim Reed requested that the award needs to be more prestigious, discussions ensued, the final recommendation was to create a selection committee including past winners in conjunction with the TC. This would be added to the TC agenda in January 2023.
- B. Series Sponsorship - Following discussions about Series sponsorship, a Sponsorship Subcommittee was formed including T. Gredick, H. McAlhany, W. Gressette, and J. Reed to evaluate existing sponsorship categories, associated benefits, and further consider new opportunities. Social media needs to be described in the sponsorship package.
- C. Tim Gredick presented a request to for HMY to host a Series qualifying event in July of 2023. D. Jennings made a motion to approve the request for HMY to host a qualifying event, S. Mungo 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 10 am.

Adjournment - Chairman Bergen:

Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. S. mungo made the motion to adjourn, J. Kohl 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.