

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors
Meeting Monday, September 11, 2023
Administration Building Conference Room
Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: S. Holder, R. Rodelsperger, H. McAlhany

GCAB Members by Virtual: J. Hill, B. Gressette, W. Frierson, B. McClam, J. Kohl, C. Oxner,
C. Sanders, J. Ives

GCAB Members Absent: T. Greddick, S. Mungo, D. Jennings

DNR Staff Present: A. Dukes, B. Keppler, E. Gooding, M. Ingle, S. Porter, W. LaDue, E. Wait

Guests: C. Rhodes

Call Meeting to Order – Chairman Holder:

Chairman Holder called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 2023. **R. Rodelsperger made a motion to approve the February 2023 minutes, H. McAlhany 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

D.D. Comments - B. Keppler:

B. Keppler thanked the Board and Staff for a great Season. She was also pleased to announce that the agency received reoccurring state funding to replace expired federal funding to support commercial data collection efforts.

Tournament Committee Report E. Gooding:

Elizabeth reviewed the TC summary report included in the Board Packets:

- CBC staff expressed concerns on the profitability of the tournaments.
- TC recommended the AB change the Series Rules to allow the individual tournaments to determine eligible fishing days based on weather conditions.
- Tournament Directors were in favor of continuing the Reel Time app and pursuing Make Way Media to expand social media coverage to include video content.
- The TC approved the 2023 Series Winners and provided recommendations for the Mate of the Year and Carroll A. Campbell awards.
- TC recommended adding the HMY Lowcountry Cup to the Series.
- TC proposed the 2024 and 2025 Series tournament schedule.
- Tim Greddick provided an update from the Sponsorship Subcommittee.
- The next TC meeting will be on Monday, December 11 with continuing discussions regarding lie detectors, sonar devices and a women's tournament.

Board Governance & FOIA Training – S. Porter:

Legal Council provided the Board with the SCDNR Board Governance policies and procedures and FOIA training.

New Business:

- A. Staff reviewed the 2023 Series Winners, Mate of the Year recommendations and Carroll A Campbell Award recommendations:
- A motion was made by R. Rodelsperger to approve the Series Winners as presented, H. McAlhany 2nd, motion approved unanimously.
 - A motion was made by R. Rodelsperger to approve Kyle Clark as the Mate of the Year, H. McAlhany 2nd, motion approved unanimously.
 - A motion was made by R. Rodelsperger to approve Michael Glaesner as the Carroll A Campbell award winner for 2023, H. McAlhany 2nd, motion approved unanimously.
- B. Staff presented the 2024 Tournament Schedule including the review of the HMY qualifying event:
- A motion was made by B. Gressette to approve the HMY Lowcountry Cup as a Series Tournament, R. Rodelsperger 2nd, motion approved unanimously.
 - A motion was made by R. Rodelsperger to approve the 2024 Series Schedule, H. McAlhany 2nd, motion approved unanimously.
- C. Amy and Elizabeth reviewed the provided documents outlining the recommendations the Sponsorship Subcommittee drafted for the AB. Chairman Holder thanked the Committee for their hard work and asked the Board to consider these proposed changes to be voted on in the Nov. meeting.
- D. Awards Reception Update:
- Elizabeth provided a review of the upcoming Awards Reception on September 29 and asked for the Board members to please RSVP as soon as possible.

Date, Place and Time of next meeting; Meeting Adjournment – Chairman Holder:

The next scheduled meeting of the GCAB is Monday, November 6. Chairman Holder adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.