

**SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Friday, August 30, 2024**  
**Administration Building Conference Room**  
**Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC**

**GCAB Members Present:** B. Gressette, R. Rodelsperger, S. Dooley, T. Gredick, H. McAlhany, D. Menefee

**GCAB Members by Virtual:** B. McClam, W. Frierson, D. Jennings

**GCAB Members Absent:** C. Sanders, J. Kohl, C. Oxner, M. Herring

**DNR Staff Present:** A. Dukes, B. Keppler, R. Boyles, M. Ingle, W. LaDue, S. Bates, E. Gooding

**Guests:** B. Garmony, DNR Board Chairman N. Pulliam, W. Jenkins, Tia Mazziotta

**Call Meeting to Order – Chairman Gressette:**

Chairman Gressette called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 19 and March 14, 2024. **T. Gredick made a motion to approve the January and March meeting minutes, H. McAlhany 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment:** N/A

**D.D. Comments – B. Keppler:**

- MRD's field work season is currently in full swing.
- Thanked the Board and Series participants, and Staff for a great season of blue water conservation.

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

- Approved the proposed Series winners and made recommendations for mate of the year and Carroll A. Campbell awards.
- Formal recommendation to form a subcommittee between the AB and TC to address Fishing Guidelines #9 and #12.
- Formal recommendation to add Cordes Lucas to the TC.
- Proposed calendar for 2025 was ratified.

**New Business – A. Dukes:**

- Approved of Series winners. **Robert Rodelsperger made a motion to approve the Series winners as approved, T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Robert Rodelsperger made a motion to approve Frederick Bergen as the Carroll A. Campbell award recipient, T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Robert Rodelsperger made a motion to approve John Michael Phillips as the Mate of the Year award recipient, T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Provided update regarding the progress and planning of the Series awards reception.
- **Holly McAlhany made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 tournament schedule, R. Rodelsperger 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Amy Dukes reviewed the proposed 2025 sponsorship levels. Tim Gredick made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 sponsorship packet with an amendment to change “Mate of the Year Sponsor” to “Mate Sponsor”, H. McAlhany 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tim Gredick made a motion to approve Cordes Lucas as a new TC member, D. Menefee 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed the TC recommendation to form a subcommittee between the AB and TC to address Fishing Guidelines: W. Frierson made a motion to accept the TC recommendation to form a subcommittee to make recommendations to rules #8, #9, and #12 to clarify and streamline the fish qualification process while maintaining the conservation values of the Series, H. McAlhany 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. McAlhany made a motion to form the committee consisting of the AB chairman, the TC chairman, two AB members, two TC members, and two tournament directors, R. Rodelsperger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:**

- There will be three AB vacancies in January 2025, and the Board is accepting nominations.

**Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the AB is Thursday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.

- R. Rodelsperger asked to discuss the weather rule at the November meeting.
- H. McAlhany requested to have Legal Council present at the November meeting.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Gressette adjourned the meeting at 11:38 am.