

Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2024
Administration Building Conference Room
Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: B. Gressette, R. Rodelsperger, T. Gredick, D. Menefee, W. Frierson, J. Ives,

GCAB Members by Virtual: B. McClam, C. Sanders, J. Kohl, C. Oxner, M. Herring, D. Jennings

GCAB Members Absent: S. Dooley

DNR Staff Present: A. Dukes, B. Keppler, W. LaDue, S. Bates, E. Gooding, B. Dyar

Guests: J. Reese, C. Rhodes, M. Ervin

Call Meeting to Order – Chairman Gressette:

Chairman Gressette called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2024. **J. Kohl made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes, T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

D.D. Comments – B. Keppler:

- Thanked the Board and Series participants, and Staff for a great awards reception.
- Lady Lillian's first field work season was very successful.
- Robert Boyles is retiring, and a replacement should come in February.
- The Red Drum stock assessment is completed and shows both stocks are overfished and experiencing overfishing. Management actions will likely be coming.

Old Business – E. Gooding:

- Reviewed the new HMS permit/fishing license email requirements.
- Provided the Fishing Guidelines Sub-Committee recommendations for review. **T. Gredick made a motion to amend the charge to the sub-committee to include rules 13 and 23. D. Menefee 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business – All:

- Approved the nominations of the three new Advisory Board members. **D. Menefee made a motion to accept the current five nominations. W. Frierson 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **D. Menefee made a motion to approve Fred Bergen, Hal Turner, and Mike Glaesner as the three new Advisory Board members. T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- A. Dukes provided the breakdown of the 2024 revenue.
- A. Dukes reviewed the 2024 expenditures through September/October.
- C. Rhodes and M. Ervin provided a presentation on the content and social media statistics from the 2024 season.
- Reviewed and approved the pending 2024 draft annual report through sub-committee. **R. Rodelsperger made a motion to create a sub-committee made up of two AB members, W. Frierson and R. Rodelsperger, to review the 2024 annual report provided by staff and accept the report pending any edits and submit for final ratification to the DNR Board. T. Gredick 2nd. All approved.**
- Discussed the 2025 Series planning.
- Briefly reviewed the current weather rule.
- Reviewed the sponsor table and discussed the beginning of fundraising through sponsorships for the 2025 season.
- Reviewed the awards reception dates for September 26, 2025.

Other Business – All:

- The next Tournament Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Fishing Guidelines Sub-Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Chairman Gressette adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.