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MINUTES OF
MISSISSIPPI GULF FISHING BANKS, INC.
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

August 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Tim Knighten, Vice President
Secretary
Alva Bennett
Mark Lyons
Mark Miller
David Andrews
Lamar Rushing
Robert Fishman

Darlene West,

Lee Trahan
Tom Becker
Keith Goodfellow
J.R. Titmus
Don Johnsen

The meeting of August 14th, 2014 was called to order by Tim Knighten, Vice President. Ralph Humphrey, President, was not present for the meeting. There was no quorum to conduct a monthly meeting. The following was discussed by members present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of the financial statement were distributed and reviewed by the members.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were distributed and reviewed by the members.

EVA systems

Derrick Charbonnet was not present for the meeting. The minutes recorded from last month were discussed.

STIMULUS MONEY

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. There was nothing new presented.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Tim Knighten stated Ralph Humphrey was still looking into the information regarding crowd sourcing and fundraising. So this will be tabled until the next meeting.

T-SHIRT SALES

Darlene West informed the group that she had brought the long-sleeve T-shirts to the meeting. Dryfit long-sleeve T-shirts are \$25, and regular cotton long-sleeve T-shirts are \$22. They are available upon request.

MAKING REEFS - FAD Building Proposal

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. Tim Knighten stated Mark Miller could inform the group about the FADs when he went over his diving report.

SNAPPER SEASON

Jay Trochesset was not present for the meeting. The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. Tim Knighten asked Tom Becker if he had heard anything about the reopening of snapper season for the weekends. Mr. Becker said he hasn't heard any more about the snapper season.

CHARGING FEES FOR DUMPING ON MGFB SITES

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. Tim Knighten reiterated to the group that Ralph Humphrey has not written a letter regarding dumping fees yet so the topic would be tabled for now. Nothing new was presented.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Tim Knighten informed the group that Ralph Humphrey he has not yet wrote a letter to Jackson County about possible funding so this topic would be tabled for now. Nothing new was presented.

68 FOOT STEEL HULL BOAT

Tim Knighten said we had an opportunity to get the boat but that he thinks it's slipped by us. Mr. Knighten said the guy has got a buyer for the boat. Mr. Knighten stated that at the last meeting it was discussed that we needed to let a contractor buy the boat for us and let the contractor assume the liability until it was sunk on the bottom. Mr. Knighten stated Mark Miller had talked to a contractor and the cost for the contractor to do that was going to exceed our budget. Mr. Knighten

said as of right now the owner was going to try to sell it. Mr. Knighten told the group that if that deal falls through he thinks we still ought to try to figure out a way to get it.

Robert Fishman brought up the idea of MGF B getting a cheap insurance policy to cover the liability for the boat. Mr. Knighten said that was something we could look into in the future. Mark Miller said he submitted something for the minutes and that he did talk to Brandon about the liability and possibly getting a package deal. Mr. Miller said he initially told us about \$6000 to take it out and sink it. Mr. Miller said when he told him that we wanted them to take full responsibility, et cetera, the price went up to about \$9800. Mr. Miller said if they do everything, get the boat ready, sink it, et cetera, the price went up to \$20,000. Mr. Miller said Brandon said it would take a crew of six men almost a week to do the job. Options were again discussed to clean up the boat.

David Andrews said he remembered in the past getting a tug boat and a shrimp boat that had been burnt and donated and because they were burned the wood and petroleum was gone. Mr. Andrews said we should possibly check into perhaps doing a controlled fire and maybe letting the fire department participate as a training session. Mr. Knighten told the group he was told by someone that the Coast Guard might want to do it as a training session. Mr. Knighten said his friend was in the reserves and would try to get information and that that could be an option and we should keep it in mind. Mr. Knighten said we shouldn't give up on it yet and at this point in time we should wait and see what happens with the boat.

LAWSUIT

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. Nothing new was presented. Mr. Knighten said maybe next month we would have an update from Mr. Mullins.

GCRL MEETING

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. Mr. Knighten said we would wait for Ralph Humphrey to inform the group of the progress regarding this topic.

MIKE JENNER MEMORIAL REEF

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. David Andrews said he had mentioned to JR about using a 4X8 sheet of stainless steel to use as a memorial and JR said that was done on the other one and that it was way too expensive for us to do it.

COUNCIL MEETING IN KEY WEST

The minutes recorded from last month were discussed. Nothing new was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

DIVE REPORT

Mark Miller presented his dive report to the members. A copy was submitted for the minutes.

GUESTS

Mr. Johnsen and Mr. Rushing were introduced to the group. Mr. Rushing said he was interested in inshore reefs for Pascagoula. Mr. Rushing said before Hurricane Katrina he knew Dr. Coe was instrumental in getting a couple of inshore reefs in Pascagoula. Mr. Rushing said it was his understanding that Dr. Coe's plan was to extend the reef from the Beach Park Pier in Pascagoula towards the west to the mouth of the Pascagoula River but because of Hurricane Katrina the plans never did materialize. Mr. Rushing said he has had trouble locating Dr. Coe and was asking the MGFB for any ideas on how to further his cause.

Mr. Knighten said he had spoken to Mr. Rushing previously, and so he asked Mr. Rushing to tell the group what he knew about funding. Mr. Rushing said he talked to the city recreational director in Pascagoula, Ms. Crew, and was told that they're getting a lot of federal funds from Katrina. Mr. Rushing said he didn't know what the City of Pascgaoula's plan are but that if they're getting a lot of money this may be a good time to get some inshore reefs built in Jackson County. Mark Miller told Mr. Rushing that Jackson County used to give MGFB \$25,000 a year for reef development but that they stopped about three or four years ago. J.R. Titmus told Mr. Rushing he needed to go see Jimmy Sanders at the DMR.

40 FOOT DERELICT BOAT

David Andrews said there is a 40 foot boat stripped with hardly anything in it off of Deer Island. Mr. Andrews said he knows we have a policy against fiberglass boats but this boat is a moulded boat, it'll never come apart, it has a six thousand pound keel, four cylinder diesel and it's on the derelict vessel list. Mr. Andrews said it's his understanding for someone to bid on it that it would be \$300 a foot to remove it and haul it and dispose of it. Mr. Andrews said he thought it would be a great project. Mr. Andrews said someone could investigate and find out the legality of MGF B dragging it off the beach, do minimal cleanup and towing it out and sinking it. Ideas were discussed. Tim Knighten said should discuss the possible project at next month's meeting.

Motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary