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

October 8th, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President

David Andrews

Tim Knighten

Jimmy Sanders

Tom Becker

Darlene West, Secretary

Andrew Whitman

J.R. Titmus

Carly Somerset

Mark Miller

The meeting of October 8th, 2015 was called to order by Ralph Humphrey, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of the financial statement were distributed and reviewed by the members. A motion was made to accept the financial statement as is by Tom Becker. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were distributed and reviewed by the members. A motion was made to accept the minutes as is by David Andrews. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

STIMULUS MONEY

Ralph Humphrey said there was nothing new to present on the stimulus money. Mr. Humphrey said he checked on the Salton-Kennedy Grant that was mentioned at the last meeting and it was very convoluted and confusing, he didn't feel he was qualified to complete it, so he didn't continue with the application.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey said he hasn't checked on the fundraising recently. Mark Miller said it's sitting at \$830. Mr. Miller said we need to draw attention to it some way to stir up public interest.

CHARGING FEES FOR DUMPING ON MGFB SITES

This topic has been tabled for now.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Ralph Humphrey said at the last meeting Mark Miller had suggested we all contact our supervisors about funding. Mr. Humphrey said since this is election time that a lot of the supervisors may change in the next couple of months and so we'll carry this topic over.

BILOXI SEAFOOD FESTIVAL BOOTH

J.R. Titmus informed the group it rained Friday and there wasn't much interest but he did sell some FADs. Mr. Titmus said there wasn't very many people there and most of the people were from out of state.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Ralph Humphrey asked Tim Knighten if he's had a chance to work on the MOU. Mr. Knighten said he was still tied up at work. Mr. Humphrey said we'll just carry this over for later.

CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Tim Knighten said he talked to the guy about the culverts and he's supposed to call him back tomorrow to let him know what he's got and hopefully we'll know something by the next meeting.

FADS

Mark Miller said they build a bunch of FADs but other than replacing the one on the Southern Star they haven't put any out. Ralph Humphrey said we'll carry this over till the next meeting.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey said this is tabled until the annual meeting.

WHITMAN'S LOCAL FISHING SHOW

Andrew Whitman informed the group he got picked up by Gulf South Outdoors to be their producer. Mr. Whitman said he's doing some restructuring and modernizing and new shows start in four weeks.

FH14

At one of the last meetings, Craig Gusa had said we needed a barge on FH14. Mark Miller said the last couple we put there sunk out of sight. Jimmy Sanders said we have not put a barge on there since the hurricane. Mr. Sanders said My Wife II is on FH14 and she's sitting up a little bit. Ralph Humphrey asked Mr. Miller to make a visit to My Wife II and see what's going on. Mr. Sanders said last time they were there it was about halfway up the hull. Mr. Miller asked if there were any fish on it. Mr. Sanders said there were some real good Sheepshead and there were a few legal snapper but it was a little murky.

CARLY'S SNAPPER REPORT

Carly Somerset said everything with the snapper reporting is still preliminary. Ralph Humphrey said he's seen several boats out. Ms. Somerset asked if anyone has had any problems with the app. Mr. Humphrey said several weeks ago he had a problem but he deleted the app and downloaded it again and it was fine. Mark Miller said sometimes you have to log out and log back in.

NEW BUSINESS

DIVE REPORT

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

GULF COUNCIL MEETING

J.R. Titmus informed the group there's a Gulf Council Meeting October 19th in Gulfport at the Courtyard Merriot at 6:00 p.m. Ralph Humphrey said the discussion is going to be about releasing snapper over to the states.

VHS CONVERTING TO CD

David Andrews said he came across an old VHS that he wanted to convert to a CD. Mr. Andrews said it's basically some of the best of some of the old stuff that we've put down, some interviews, etc. Mr. Andrews said it's not a great quality but it's a history of the MGFB and he thinks at some point we need to capture it on another device. Mr. Andrews said he gave it to Andrew and he's going to tinker with it a little bit. Andrew Whitman said he could put it to a media file depending on the resolution and then we can make a decision from there.

FISH TANKS

J. R. Titmus said he's got two fish tanks and a little VCR TV player in his storage that was used previously for the boat shows. Mr. Titmus asked the group if they wanted to keep that or could he get rid of it. David Andrews and Ralph Humphrey both said they didn't we needed to keep it. Tim Knighten said if the MGFB didn't need it that he would take it.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary