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

APRIL 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President
Darlene West, Secretary
Robert Murphy
Jimmy Taylor
David Andrews
Tim Knighten
Mark Miller
Derrick Charbonnet

Alva Bennett, Treasurer
Steve West
Jay Trochesset
Craig Gusa
William Ladnier
Paul Miller
Greg Byrd
Johnny Marquez

The meeting of April 11, 2013 was called to order by Ralph Humphrey, President.

MINUTES

Due to technical difficulty, there were no minutes of the March meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

EVA systems

Derrick Charbonnet reported that Dr. Joe Griffith at the Gulf Coast Research Lab was sent the sample report and he is waiting to hear back from him with the results. Mark Miller said he sent an email to Dr. Penny Vlahos. She just said the best thing to do was to look for specific compounds based on the water shed sources that you suspect and we should look at maps and do some serious evaluations of the area.

ASSESSMENT OF SNAPPER SEASON

Jay Trochesset stated that Mississippi has been tentatively set for 26 days. He believes in the future we should get with the CCA and the Charter Boat Association and try to get to the next level insofar as the 6 ½ mile approach and we also need to work on our congressmen. Jay said this

topic is currently before the Alabama Legislation. Johnny Marquez said a lot of focus on the snapper will have to wait on the assessment. He suspects when the assessment comes out and there are more fish possibly a fall season will be added. He says we'll have to wait and see what happens. Mr. Marquez also wanted to add that the loss of all the rigs and that habitat has had an effect on the snapper and we need to look at what can be done to save those habitats.

BOAT SHOW

J.R. Titmus signed up four new members at the show. He also had to pay out of pocket \$50 for a booth and \$50 for electricity, which the MGF will reimburse when he is able to come to a meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

David Andrews inquired if we were charging membership dues to raise money. Ralph Humphrey stated that, yes, we are. Mr. Humphrey believed we started back last year charging dues at \$10 a year, and he also stated would check with the secretary for confirmation.

MR. GUS BARGE IN PASCAGOULA BAY

Mark Miller stated he sent an email for an update. A reply email was received, but an update was not mentioned. He sent another email for a status update and has yet to receive a reply, so he's not sure what the status is. Mr. Miller stated he is still working on it.

GRANT

Ralph Humphrey stated the last grant was canceled as was the bid that we put out.

MEMBER AT LARGE

At the March meeting, Tim Knighten was voted to take the place of Porfi Stokes as member at large. Ralph Humphrey made a pen and ink change on our paper copy of Election of Board of Directors for 2013 to show that Ms. Stokes' name was removed and Mr. Knighten's name was added.

THANK YOU GIFT FOR PORFI STOKES

Ralph Humphrey stated we have not yet written a check for Porfi's gift card. Mr. Humphrey said that he would take care of getting the gift card.

Mark Miller recommended engraved wine glasses instead of a plaque. Mr. Miller stated he would take care of getting the wine glasses.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW MATERIAL

Jimmy Taylor said he was contacted by Dale last week about some concrete that needed to go out. Mr. Taylor stated Dale said we have the money, we just need the blessing. Mr. Taylor stated if we want to put it out they'll do it. Ralph Humphrey said obviously we do. Mr. Taylor will find out more on the subject and report back. Mr. Taylor also stated he doesn't think the grant was canceled, he thinks it was something else. Ralph Humphrey said he hasn't had a chance to meet about the permits yet but the permits are still in our name. He said the DMR wrote the Corps for permission to enhance the reefs on our behalf and cc'd the MGFB. Mr. Humphrey stated they haven't heard anything yet and it's been two or three weeks. Mark Miller said somebody needs to be in charge of getting ahold of the Corps and getting this matter resolved. Ralph Humphrey stated he is working on that issue.

Ralph Humphrey suggested possibly getting financing through the DMR. Jimmy Taylor said he didn't know as of yet if that was possible but that everything had to be transparent, the community needed to be educated as to what the MGFB does and participation was needed by fellow vessel owners.

Greg Byrd said that Mississippi Chemical contacted him about a vessel they wanted to get rid of, a 65 hundred gallon, 43 thousand pound carbon steel glass line. He emailed them back and is waiting to hear from them. He will hopefully have more to add at the next meeting.

DIVE REPORT

Mark Miller presented his dive report to the members. A copy was submitted for the minutes. Also Mr. Miller received a final quote to purchase a dive camera. The quote was for \$10,792. A check was written by the secretary to purchase the camera.

PURCHASING A COMPUTER

Discussion was previously held to purchase a laptop computer for the secretary to prepare reports and to keep the financial records on QuickBooks. Mark Miller brought a laptop to the meeting. He explained

the laptop was refurbished and that he acquired it for \$350 and loaded the applicable software and updates so that it's ready to go. David Andrews made a motion to approve the purchase. Tim Knighten seconded the motion. A check was written for the purchase. Also Derrick Charbonnet requested that with regards to QuickBooks that a regular backup be made and kept in a separate place for security purposes.

FUNDING

Tim Knighten inquired as to possible funding from the Tourism Commission. Johnny Marquez explained that tourism funding was not available for the MGFB.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary