

8/11/16

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

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President

David Andrews

Mark Miller

Tim Knighten

Keith Goodfellow

Darlene West, Secretary

Alva Bennett

Charles McMillon, Sr.

Lee Trahan

Jimmy Sanders

The meeting of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 Lee Trahan. 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 informed everyone that there was still no action on the BP money and he wasn't holding his breath but as far as the Tidelands Grant he has submitted the Tidelands Application for 2018. Mr. Humphrey asked Jimmy Sanders if he had heard anything on the 2017 Grant. Mr. Sanders said he hasn't heard anything yet.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey said the GoFundMe account is still at \$830.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Tim Knighten was not present for the meeting. Mr. Humphrey said we will carry this over.

## CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

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## CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey told everyone that Darlene West made the changes to the bylaws that were recommended at the last meeting and the revised bylaws were emailed to all the members. Mark Miller said the revised bylaws just went out today and he didn't have time to look at them. Mr. Miller suggested giving everyone a chance to review the revised bylaws and waiting until the next meeting to endorse the new bylaws. Mr. Humphrey said since we don't have a quorum anyway we will wait until next month to approve the bylaws.

## USM CONTRACT

Mark Miller updated the group on the USM Contract as follows. Initially, the payment schedule was set up as \$1200 per trip for the closer sites, \$1500 to FH7. It was expected to get maybe two deployments per trip. The first trip made was FH13, FH7. And those were done in one day. The then the next day, FH10 was done. Because of an equipment malfunction, FH10 was the only deployment that day. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the fish habitats or fish Dice were deployed. After the deployment, Mr. Miller deployed two more of the units. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was a really calm day. Since Mr. Miller wanted to knock it out, he put down the remaining units on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Miller said all the units are out and in a couple of weeks he will probably start taking them up.

Mr. Miller said he emailed Scott about the deployments because he didn't want the MGFb short-changed and suggested possibly a set charge for deploying all of the units. Mr. Miller said Scott came up with \$5000 to deploy all 12 of the units. Mr. Miller said due to the circumstances of deployment what he proposed was to charge in his bill for five runs. Mr. Miller said the money out to him would be \$2375 and the money to the MGFb would be \$5000. Mr. Humphrey said it's basically the same monetarily as before but instead of multiple invoices we only have to submit one invoice.

(NOTE: At this point in the meeting, Mr. Tim Knighten arrived. Mr. Humphrey brought Mr. Knighten up to date on the meeting so far. At this point, we now have a quorum.)

#### DMR MAPPING

Ralph Humphrey encouraged members to go on the DMR website and look at the new mapping. Mr. Humphrey said it's under Artificial Reefs and you just keep following the links.

#### ACADEMY SEMINARS

Robert Fishman was not present for the meeting. Mr. Humphrey said we'll keep this open to see if there is any further information at a later date.

#### SOUTH OF SQUASH CHANNEL

Kenny Barhanovich had mentioned at a previous meeting that they fish a lot in the spring and that we need to put something south of Squash Channel, like a barge or something around FH14. Ralph Humphrey said we would keep this open. Jimmy Sanders says he has been keeping his eyes open for something to put on FH14 but he doesn't have anything as of right now.

#### UPDATES ON SNAPPER APP

Carly Somerset was not present for the meeting. Ralph Humphrey said he had to delete his app and reinstall it but it's working just fine now. Tim Knighten said he can't get his app to work. Mr. Knighten said Carly worked on it thirty minutes last meeting and couldn't get it to work.

#### ICAST 2016

Robert Fishman was not present for the meeting. He is at ICAST in Orlando. Mr. Fishman had previously said he will give us an update at the August meeting.

#### FUNDRAISING

Different ideas were discussed for fundraising possibilities. Mark Miller said he thought the casino FAD was a good idea. Mr. Miller said he did get a comment on Facebook that someone thought it wasn't a good idea to put Styrofoam out. Mr. Miller said he didn't see the difference between that and the other material. Ralph Humphrey suggested Mark sketch out a specific project with the 55 gallon plastic drum with the chain through it with writing across the side attached to a

pyramid, and then Mr. Humphrey said he would try to start reaching out to see what kind of response he gets for sponsors. David Andrews suggested doing one with MGFB on it for an example and taking video or a picture as a demo. Mr. Humphrey said if Mark wanted to go ahead and build one that was fine and to bring it to the next meeting. Mr. Jimmy Taylor suggested using one of those big olive jars. Mr. Taylor said he would buy four or five of them and donate them. Mr. Andrews said he would volunteer the rope. Mr. Miller said he would get with Mr. Taylor about the project.

#### GULF COUNCIL EMAILS

Ralph Humphrey informed the group that the Gulf Council send out emails to the people on their sign-up list and gives into on the new stuff that's coming out, closures, recommendations, upcoming meetings, etc. Mr. Humphrey said they most recently have asked for participation on a Recreational Angler Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Council and that he applied and used MGFB as background experience. So on behalf of MGFB, Mr. Humphrey applied for that position, and we'll see what happens.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### DIVE REPORT

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

#### DMR FREE MATERIAL

Jimmy Sanders said they're still getting free material. Jay Knowles out of Gulfport the past few days is averaging about 30 big culverts, and he's bringing another full day tomorrow. Mr. Sanders said by three days he's hoping to have 90 culverts given to the DMR. Mr. Sanders said they're trucking them and unloading and stacking them. Mr. Humphrey asked about any plans to do any deployments this summer. Mr. Sanders said he's still working on the Lee Street deal. Mr. Sanders said he and the guy keep missing each other and can't get on the same page. Mr. Sanders said at this time he doesn't see any of the stuff from the staging site being deployed, that he's building up the site right now.

#### PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS WITH THE CORPS

Tim Knighten asked Ralph Humphrey about the conversation he had with the Corps about our permitting requirements. Mr. Humphrey said they haven't got back to him on anything yet and that he's waiting for them to reach back out to him. Mr. Knighten said Mr. Humphrey's email made him think he had some news to share. Mr. Humphrey said not yet.

#### MARK'S RIGS TO REEF FOOTAGE

David Andrews informed the group about Mark Miller having a little spot on the Weather Channel. Mr. Miller said on one of their new shows their topic was Rigs to Reef and they used a bunch of his footage.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

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Secretary