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

October 9th, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President
Secretary
Tim Knighten
David Andrews
Robert Fishman
J.R. Titmus

Darlene West,

Mark Miller
Jay Trochesset
Nick Morgan
Rob Murphy

The meeting of October 9th , 2014 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 by Tim Knighten. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were distributed and reviewed by the members. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by David Andrews. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

EVA systems

Derrick Charbonnet was not present at the meeting. Mark Miller said there was really nothing new to present at this time.

STIMULUS MONEY

Ralph Humphrey asked Jay Trochesset for any update on the stimulus money. Mr. Trochesset said they haven't had any conversation in probably eight months but that he read in the paper they're getting a lot of money and he hopes that they will go back to what the committees did but who knows.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWD SOURCING

Ralph Humphrey told the group he started a RocketHub account. Mr. Humphrey said it's pretty long and drawn out and confusing and it's going to take some time to complete but he's working on it.

CHARGING FEES FOR DUMPING ON MGFB SITES

Ralph Humphrey said we did make a motion for him to write a letter to the DMR that we were going to start charging them for dumping. Mr. Humphrey said he has not written that letter yet and he's still waiting to find out what the results of our Tideland Grant application is. Tim Knighten said that we should charge anybody a fee that wants to dump, not just the DMR. Mr. Knighten said he thinks we should send a letter saying that starting January 1st we're going to charge X amount of dollars a ton or per trip or whatever it is. Mr. Knighten said we hold the permits, we have expenses incurred for deployments and there's no reason we shouldn't recoup some of those expenses. Mark Miller said other states charge for dumping and we should research what they charge.

Ralph Humphrey stated right now there is already a motion that was passed by the majority to charge the DMR so if anybody wants to change that then we need a new motion to get rid of that and to attack it some other way. Tim Knighten said he would make a motion that we charge anybody a fee for dumping and asked what everybody thought about that. David Andrews said he was still against the idea but he likes the less confrontational approach to the DMR. Mr. Andrews said we shouldn't point out one group of people to charge a fee to, it should be universal.

J.R. Titmus made a motion to table that letter to the DMR charging a fee for dumping until after the first of the year when we would find out the results of the Tideland Grant. Jay Trochesset seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon vote. Ralph Humphrey said this subject will be tabled until further notice.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Ralph Humphrey said he has not yet wrote a letter to Jackson County about possible funding. Mr. Humphrey said he has been taking care of the Tideland Grants. So this topic is tabled for now.

LAWSUIT

Kenny Barhanovich was not present at the meeting. No new information was presented.

GCRL MEETING

Ralph Humphrey said he hasn't heard any more from Reed Hendon about the deployment of the monitors. Nothing new was presented.

JUVENILE RED SNAPPER PROJECT

Jimmy Sanders was not present at the meeting. But Ralph Humphrey said he saw in the newspaper they did deploy those juvenile snapper habitats somewhere close to the pyramids that were inside the nine mile mark.

MGFB'S LISTING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Ralph Humphrey said he got an email from Derrick Charbonnet and he completed our listing. Mr. Charbonnet paid two different \$25 fees out of his pocket and said that was his donation. Mr. Humphrey said we're not going to charge Mr. Charbonnet for dues this year.

NEW BUSINESS

SHRIMP BOAT WRECK AT FH13

Ralph Humphrey said the Coast Guard and their contractor have completed the cleanup and the sinking of the shrimp boat that crashed at FH13. Mr. Humphrey said Mark Miller will have that on his activity report.

OMEGA PROTEIN

Ralph Humphrey said Omega Protein approached him and Mark Miller about using one of Mr. Miller's videos taken out on FH13 that was done on behalf of MGFB. Mr. Humphrey said they agreed to allow Omega to use that video as a promotion. A release form was signed and will be kept in the MGFB records.

Mr. Humphrey said that he and Mr. Miller had some conversations with the lady at Omega Protein about disposal and stink water, asking if we could

get a sample of the stink water and were told no because Omega would have no control over anything to do with the sample.

Mr. Humphrey also told the group that Omega may have another boat for us to deploy.

FUNDING WITH STEEL

David Andrews told the group that years before when the Liberty ships were donated and MGFB didn't have money to deploy them the FB would take whatever amount of steel to do the project and sell it to make it possible to put out a reef. Jay Trocheset said everything was sold off the Liberty ships. David Andrews said we could do that with the boats the Coast Guard has and the boat Omega Protein has. Ralph Humphrey said it makes sense to him and we should look into it. Mr. Humphrey told the group he would check back with the Coast Guard in Alabama about the derelict shrimp boats.

DUES

Ralph Humphrey said that dues were due. Darlene West said the dues were last collected in May of last year. Ms. West said when she sends the reminder for the November meeting that she would also send out a reminder about dues.

BOAT SHOW

J.R. Titmus says the show will be February the 6th, 7th and 8th and he will send in the application if everyone wanted to participate in the boat show. Ralph Humphrey said we wanted to be included in the show and we had T-shirts to sell.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Ralph Humphrey said it's time to elect board members. Since there was a low attendance for this meeting, Mr. Humphrey said we would hold the elections in November as well and asked Ms. West to include that information in the monthly email also.

DIVE REPORT

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary