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

August 10th, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President

Alva Bennett

Jonathan Morgan

Tom Becker

Jimmy Sanders

David Andrews

Ken M.

Marty McGrath

Brian Bounds

Scott Milroy

Dyllan Camplejohn

Darlene West, Secretary

Mark Miller

Chris Guice

Bob Brown

Emily Satterfield

Tim Knighten

Skip Roberts

Todd Cospelich

Robert Fishman

Glenn Camplejohn

Samuel L. Craft

The meeting of August 10th, 2017 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

Robert Smith were not present for the meeting. Ralph Humphrey said Marty McGrath just told him that Robert is very close to being finished so we'll carry this over till next month.

USM CONTRACT

Ralph Humphrey informed the group that Mark Miller made a few different dives on the USM contract that will be discussed in the dive report. Scott Milroy was present for the meeting and said he was just hanging out. Mr. Milroy did ask Darlene West if she had received payment on any of the outstanding invoices. Ms. West said we have received payment for the two oldest bills. Mr. Milroy said we were issued a PO number and hopefully payment will be faster than last year.

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.

TWO VESSELS TO DONATE

Ralph Humphrey said he just saw Jimmy Taylor a little bit ago, there are still two boats and apparently these boats are going to be a whole lot easier to deploy than the sailboat. David Andrews said before we look at the boats we need to check with the owner of the shipyard and see if there is a lien or any other money owed on the boat. Mr. Humphrey said we would carry this over until the guy settles with BP and then the guy has to clean the boats, which he will do for us for free.

DERELICT VESESEL PROGRAM (SAILBOAT)

Ralph Humphrey gave this recitation on the sailboat:

There was a logistical issue with getting the sailboat off the bank and onto the landing craft because of the seawall being ten foot above the waterline. Will Ladnier decided to patch the boat and get it just seaworthy enough to get it down the industrial seaway and to his house. Ralph Humphrey and David Andrews went on Saturday to meet Will Ladnier with lots of tools and epoxy sealer the MGFb bought and shovel handles and plugs and worked for a few hours to get everything plugged that they could. Then on Monday or Tuesday, Will Ladnier came back with his helper and finished patching up the holes that were visible.

Then on Tuesday, Ralph and David paid the shipyard off. The boat was launched, and it immediately started taking on lots of water. The boat was pulled back up; the water drained out. The helper went in and plugged up a couple of holes. It

was put back in the water. A little bit of water was seeping in. It wasn't bad. Will said it'd be fine. Will was going to come back up the river late that afternoon, get the boat and tow it back to his house. But before Will got there, it sank.

So Will went back today, lifted it back up and plugged up some more holes. And the last time Ralph talked to Will, he was going to take it this evening come hell or high water and put pumps on it to keep water out of it, drag it back to his place and then get it up on the landing craft ready to launch. So it's in Will's hands now.

Mr. Humphrey said he will talk to Will in the next couple of days and try to determine a date for deployment. There's a lot of people who want to take part in this deployment. Gulf South Outdoors sent a camera man yesterday to record lifting the boat, getting it off the yard and dropping it into the slip and also did a couple of interviews. Gulf South Outdoors, WLOX, The Sun Herald all want to be present for the deployment. So it's going to be a big event.

David Andrews asked Ralph Humphrey if he wanted to bring up in the meeting what they talked about as far as where the sailboat was going to go. Mr. Humphrey said he wanted to talk to Will Ladnier about it. But Mr. Humphrey gave the group this information: The contract was \$5000 to deploy the sailboat to FH2 and several hundred dollars more to go to FH13. But now Will is going to FH13 after deploying the sailboat to drop the Concrete Jesus down. So the issue is if Will is going to FH13 regardless what's the difference in dropping the sailboat at 2 or 13. Mr. Humphrey will discuss it with Will Ladnier, and we'll make a determination obviously beforehand.

A group discussion was held on where to place the sailboat. Mark Miller said he liked the idea of it going on FH2 because he liked the harder bottom there. Mr. Humphrey said if everybody is fine with FH2 he won't say a thing and we'll leave it the way it is. It was decided to go with FH2. Mr. Humphrey said he would like to discuss with Jimmy some ideas of where the DMR would like to see it within FH2. Jimmy Sanders said he'd shoot Ralph and Mark some numbers.

CHEVRON PIPE

Mark Miller said he still hasn't heard anything on this project. Gene Macoy had previously said he knows somebody out at Chevron and he maybe might help us

with this project. Mr. Humphrey said we'll keep this open for another month or so and see what happens.

Background on the project is as follows: Mark Miller got a call from Rob Montgomery at Chevron and he says they've got some material. It's a big piece of pipe, 50 feet in diameter, 20 feet tall, stainless steel with concrete around it, 117,000 pounds. Mr. Miller said we'd probably have to find a contractor and if it's too big it might have to be cut up. Mr. Miller said he told him we were interested and he would keep the Board informed with emails and let us know what's going on with it.

TIDELANDS GRANT

Ralph Humphrey said the equipment came in and the divers were trained. Mr. Humphrey said he stopped by the dive shop today and picked up the invoice for all the equipment the divers needed and we should be receiving it shortly. Mr. Humphrey said he would turn the discussion over to Jimmy Sanders for the next step. Mr. Sanders said that he had several ideas and that he wanted to wait and talk to the divers after the meeting.

FUNDRAISING

Ralph Humphrey asked Mark Miller if there was anything else he wanted to add regarding the latest fundraising idea. Mr. Miller said they did get some letters cut out. Mr. Miller said initially they were talking about putting them on the sailboat but they now think they should deploy them as divers after it goes down, either on the sailboat or on the Barataria Bay.

Mr. Miller also added that Glen painted some names on the sailboat. Mr. Humphrey said Glen literally ran out there, ground the crap off the side of the boat and hand-painted everything with a little-bitty roller. Mr. Humphrey said it was very impressive.

Background on the project:

Mr. Miller said Leonard Clark with Deep Water Mafia has access to metal and stuff, like a steel mesh, where he can cut some letters out like eighteen inches to make signs to sell for ads and sponsorship like on the sailboat and even on some existing reefs. Mr. Miller said Mr. Clark can get the signs made and get them to us but we have to find somebody to tack weld them on the boat. Tim Knighten said

he can handle that. Mr. Miller said he set up a donation page on the MGFB website and advertised on FaceBook.

BOB'S LIONFISH REPORT

Skip Roberts told the group that one of their divers got 3 Lionfish off the Barataria Bay. Ralph Humphrey said we would keep this an open topic for a while.

CONCRETE JESUS

Mark Miller said they did a little bartering with Will Ladnier and the Concrete Jesus was going to go out with the sailboat. Mr. Miller told the group they had nine divers show up to help with the job. Ralph Humphrey said that was a great idea and thanked all the volunteers for their participation.

After group discussion, it was decided to officially name our statue Christ of Mississippi. To which Emily Satterfield said, "And affectionally known as Concrete Jesus."

NEW BUSINESS

DIVE REPORT

Mark Miller presented the dive reports to the members. Copies were submitted for the minutes.

WILDLIFE EXPO

Jimmy Sanders thanked Bob and the Deep Water Mafia. They gave him a Lionfish for the Wildlife Expo in Jackson. Mr. Sanders said it was an absolute hit and actually made the news up there.

JACKSON COUNTY LANDFILL

Jonathan Morgan recently made a trip to the Jackson County Landfill to drop off some concrete and noticed a ton of concrete culverts that were dropped off there. Mr. Morgan said it could be possible for us to reach out to them for material. Ralph Humphrey said the only issue with he was aware of with obtaining culverts is getting our hands on them and transport. Mr. Humphrey said if someone wants to transport them down to Jimmy's yard he'll take all he can get. Jimmy Sanders also said if someone brought them to the site he'd take

them. Mark Miller suggested the next time Mr. Morgan was there he might mention to the guy there that he could move them to Jimmy's site if he wanted the room. Mr. Sanders said he actually had a company in Jackson stop by and was talking to him about material that they're looking at shipping down here to DMR's site because they don't want to pay the landfill prices.

OWNER OF THE SAILBOAT INTRODUCED

Mark Miller introduced Mr. Samuel Craft who was the owner of the JOLLY FISHERMAN sailboat. Mr. Craft brought some memorabilia to show the MGFB. Mr. Craft was very happy and proud for the JOLLY FISHERMAN to be a reef and he thanked the MGFB.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary