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Minutes of
Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc.
Biloxi, Mississippi

April 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

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

Alva Bennett,

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 members.

EVA systems

Derrick Charbonnet reported that Dr. Joe Griffith at the Gulf Coast Research Lab, who is a water specialist, 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 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 Mississippi has been tentatively set for 26 days. He believes in the future we should get with CCA and the Charter Boat Association and get to the next level, the 6 ½ mile approach and work on congressmen. This topic is presently before the Alabama Legislation. Johnny Marquez said a lot of focus on 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 also that the loss of all the rigs and that habitat has an effect on the snapper. He is working with Bessie to get a list of rigs. He has been given a list of permitted rigs, but not a list of permitted rigs. We need to look at what can be done to save those habitats. We need to get feedback on rigs that are productive and that are of a particular concern to us so extra emphasis can be placed on those.

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.

MR. GUS BARGE IN PASCAGOULA BAY

Mark Miller stated he send an email for an update. A reply email was received that he couldn't make the meeting, 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

INSHORE REEFS

Ralph Humphrey stated that Jimmy Sanders was not present. He knows that he has been working on refurbishing the inshore reefs. We will wait till next meeting to hear from him.

GRANT

Let sub grant was canceled as was the bid that was put out.

MEMBER AT LARGE

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

PORFI'S THANK YOU GIFT

We have not yet wrote a check for Porfi's gift card. Ralph said he would take care of getting the gift card. Mark Miller recommended engraved wine glasses instead of a plaque. He will take care of 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. We have the money. He doesn't think the grand was canceled. He thinks it was something else. Ralph Humphrey said he hasn't had a chance to meet about the permits yet. The permits are still in our name. He said the DMR wrote the Corps of Engineers for permission to enhance the reefs on behalf of MGF. Ralph Humphrey stated there was a request made by the Department of Marine Resources to a guy in Mobile who is in charge of reef permitting requesting copies of the permits. Ralph Humphrey said it's been two or three weeks and he hasn't heard back from them yet. Mark Miller stated somebody needs to be in charge of getting ahold of the Corps and getting this matter resolved. Ralph Humphrey stated he is working on resolving that issue. Ralph Humphrey suggests 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 MGF does and participation was needed. 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 Mark 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 small laptop computer for the secretary to keep the records and keep the financials on QuickBooks. Mark Miller brought the laptop to the meeting. He explained the laptop was a refurbished he acquired for \$350 and he 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