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

July 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President  
Darlene West, Secretary  
J.R. Titmus  
David Andrews  
Tim Knighten  
Nadine Sekul  
Jacquet  
Mark Miller  
Steve West  
Charbonnet  
Jay Trochesset  
Alex Fogg

Alva Bennett, Treasurer  
Bob Krista  
Rob Murphy  
Paul Miller  
Mark Lyons  
Omar Vasquez  
Greg Byrd  
Derrick  
Craig Gusa  
Pam Miller

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Greg Byrd to dispense with the reading of the minutes from July. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

EVAsystems

Derrick Charbonnet stated that he and Mark were going to have lunch tomorrow with guys from two different labs at GCRL and talk to them about what we can do, what we can't do and about the numbers we've gotten from EVAsystems. Mr. Charbonnet said that we still have not received a report or a follow-up from the doctor who did the work and that perhaps we need to re-contact her and also discuss payment. Mark Miller stated that we had already paid the doctor. Darlene West advised

that there has been an outstanding check in our account for EVA systems since October of '12. Mark Miller said he would contact Penny and ask her for an update.

#### ASSESSMENT OF SNAPPER SEASON

Ralph Humphrey made the observation that snapper season opened and it closed. Jay Trochesset stated that he hoped they would give us about three weeks, maybe longer and an announcement was going to be made at the next council meeting to set the dates.

#### MR. GUS BARGE IN PASCAGOULA BAY

Mark Miller reported there was no new information on the Gus.

#### NEW MATERIAL

Ralph Humphrey stated that the State has approved our lease renewals and they have sent them off to the Corps of Engineers for them to take care of. He stated that he would suspect that by next month's meeting we will have those renewal permits in our hands. Mr. Humphrey also stated that that means we can start deploying materials again on all of our reefs.

#### STIMULUS MONEY

Jay Trochesset stated that the committee hasn't met in some time and as soon as he hears something he will let us know.

#### IDLE IRON

Mr. Humphrey stated that he knew we'd like to see all the idle iron converted into snapper reefs but that he was not really sure where to go with this subject right now. He said perhaps we need to have a volunteer to try to spearhead this idea. Tim Knighten said he posted a video of a guy with Black Elk Energy and that the guy seemed pretty gung-ho about keeping the idle iron out there. Mr. Knighten said he thought it would be worth trying to contact the guy. Mr. Humphrey asked Mr. Knighten if he would pursue that venue, and Mr. Knighten agreed to try to contact the gentleman. Omar Vasquez agreed to help also.

#### LIONFISH BOUNTY

Alex Fogg brought in a report on the Lionfish. Mr. Fogg stated that he had a map that showed where the fish came from. He said the fish that were paid for were fish that were east of the river and west of Mobile Bay and

that all the others were just extra fish that people brought in because they heard about the bounty. Mr. Fogg said fifty-three fish had come in and were paid for. He said that he has worked up a little over forty and that every single one of them had stuff in their stomachs, were mature and capable of spawning. Mr. Fogg stated there were going to be some t-shirts coming out with the MGFB logo and all the groups that have helped out with the program. He said that hopefully by the next meeting he should have some t-shirts.

## NEW BUSINESS

### DIVE REPORT

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

### INVITATIONAL DINNER

Ralph Humphrey stated that Nadine Sekul has been investigating putting together an invitational dinner as a way of getting people in the county and the state familiar with MGFB in an effort to try to generate revenue. Ms. Sekul submitted a proposal for the dinner to the members. Ms. Sekul said CCA agreed to partner with us for these events. Ms. Sekul stated that the joint partnerships with CCA, DMR, etc, is a good idea and makes us look stronger and that everybody is on the same page. After discussion, it was decided the invitational dinner would be at the Biloxi Yacht Club on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

Mark Miller said we need to generate a database of potential invitees. Ralph Humphrey asked that members put together a list of potential invitees to the dinner and send those names to the secretary. Mark Miller said he would get with the secretary and put together an email address to collect that information. It was agreed to try to have the list at the next meeting. Ralph Humphrey said that at the next meeting we needed to be prepared to have a committee in place that has the authority to go forward with this project. Nadine Sekul said she would chair the committee.

Derrick Charbonnet made a motion that the MGFB commit five thousand dollars towards an invitational dinner in October. Jay Trochesset seconded the motion. The motion was carried on vote.

### DRAWDOWN

Nadine Sekul put together a proposal for the MGF Drawdown for the members to review. After discussion, it was decided for the Drawdown venue to be the Biloxi Community Center on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Discussions were held concerning the ticket price, food and sponsors for the Drawdown. Ralph Humphrey stated since we have ample time to make these decisions that we should secure the venue as soon as possible and come back to the other issues of the Drawdown at a later date. Ms. Sekul said she would check with the Biloxi Community Center and secure the date. Pam Miller stated that she liked Nadine Sekul being the chief and in charge and that she was content to be just an "Indian."

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

Secretary