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

May 12th, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Ralph Humphrey, President
David Andrews
Jimmy Sanders
Mark Miller
Keith Goodfellow
F.J. Eicke

Darlene West, Secretary
Alva Bennett
Bryant Horton
Robert Fishman
Lee Trahan
Carly Somerset

The meeting of May 12th, 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.

Darlene West informed the members that she had brought a check on the Money Market account for Alva Bennett to sign for \$5000. The money will be deposited into the MGF B checking account. Ms. West said she will check with the bank to see what options we have for the remainder of the Money Market account and report back to the group next month.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes were distributed and reviewed by the members. A motion was made to accept the minutes as is by Alva Bennett. Motion was seconded and carried upon vote.

STIMULUS MONEY

Ralph Humphrey informed everyone that he went to a Tidelands Grant workshop last week and got a lot of information that he didn't have the previous two times he put in for the grant. Mr. Humphrey said he also went to the State of Our Coast yesterday, he talked to Sonya Slater a little bit about the Tidelands Grant and that Ms. Slater is going to make some time next week to review our previous grant application that was denied and hopefully beef it up. Mr. Humphrey said he believes that we're going to have a hard time getting money to do something that the DMR is already doing. Mr. Humphrey also said the grant is a managed grant and we have to follow all of the state guidelines and regulations for disbursing the money, for instance, bidding work out and presenting invoices to the DMR for payment.

Mr. Humphrey said that he beefed up our request for the Restore Act money. Mr. Humphrey said he thinks if we are going to get any Restore money that we need to get in with a politician, someone with some pull, and bring awareness to our cause. Mr. Humphrey said he made some notes on some people to contact, one of them was Sean Tindell, and he will try to steer some interest our way.

JACKSON COUNTY FUNDING

Mark Miller said he has heard no news on the JC Funding.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT AND CROWN SOURCING

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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

CULVERTS SOMEBODY WANTS TO GET RID OF

Ralph Humphrey said we'll carry it over until next month.

CHANGING BYLAWS

Ralph Humphrey brought a set of revised bylaws to the meeting for the members to go over and add comments or suggestions. Mr. Humphrey said he will add the recommended changes and have the bylaws ready for the next meeting.

FUNDING IDEAS

Ralph Humphrey said he has not had a chance to call David Poulos in connection with Bingo at the Elks. Mr. Humphrey said he will add that to his list of to-dos.

Mr. Humphrey said he's talked to Reed Hendon a couple of times regarding the work with the GCRL on this data collection project. Mr. Humphrey said they're working on a schedule of deployments and how they want to do things and then they will get with Mr. Humphrey and Mark Miller to discuss the project. Mr. Humphrey said he has some paperwork to fill out with tax information, etc, and he asked Darlene West to fill out the information. Ms. West said she would fill out the requested paperwork.

DMR MAPPING

Ralph Humphrey asked Jimmy Sanders how the mapping was going. Mr. Sanders said the mapping is complete, IT has it. Mr. Sanders said it won't be online for snapper season but he's hoping to have it later on in the year.

ACADEMY SEMINARS

Robert Fishman said he hasn't heard anything yet. Mr. Humphrey said we'll keep this topic open.

SNAPPER SEASON

Ralph Humphrey said they announced the dates for the state snapper season and he put out the dates on the MGF B Facebook page. The season opens May 27 and runs through September 5.

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 will keep this topic open and address it as opportunities make themselves available.

NEW BUSINESS

DIVE REPORT

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

UPDATES ON SNAPPER APP

Carly Somerset informed the group that there are some updates being made on the snapper app. Ms. Somerset said if your app is not automatically updated you should dump it and reload it. Ms. Somerset said they are also continuing their awareness campaign for the Tails N' Scales with a press release, signs, banners, cards.

ICAST 2016

Robert Fishman said he is going to ICAST in Orlando July 12th – 15th and wanted to bring some MGF B pamphlets. Mr. Fishman said the pamphlets we have are black and white and pretty old. Mr. Fishman asked about setting aside some money for having new pamphlets made. Ralph Humphrey asked Darlene West if we had any more of the Draw Down books. Ms. West said she had a box in her truck that she brought for Tim Knighten. Mr. Fishman said those would work. Ms. West said she will bring more to the next meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary