

26 Mar 2015

Meeting Notes #3: Teleconference 26 Mar 2015 Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association

General. Meeting #3 was conducted on 26 Mar 2015 via teleconference. Mike Avery and opened the meeting. All attendees introduced themselves. Mike asked if there were any questions or issues with meeting notes #2 which covered initial impressions, possible name of the organization, website domain, broad mission statement, fund raising, interim board member recruitment, and the way ahead. No issues or questions.

Motion to Form the Association. Mike made a motion to name and form the association. The motion is to name the organization the Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA). There was some discussion to ensure we are clear to include all of Virginia including the bay, tidal, and coastal/offshore areas where ever saltwater fish can be caught. We discussed the need to ensure we include out of state anglers as well who visit Virginia to fish our waters that this association is also open to them as well. The discussion was to ensure we don't exclude any angler who fishes for Virginia any saltwater fish in any part of Virginia waters. After a brief discussion the motion was seconded and all board members voted yes to name and form the association.

Let it be known that on 26 Mar 2015 the Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA) is hereby named and formed by unanimous vote.

Possible website. Now that we have a name for the association, there was discussion about obtaining a web domain for the organization. VSSA does not appear to be available in any form but several options are available. Jerry Aycock agreed to research good alternatives and brief the board members at the next meeting scheduled for Thur, 2 Apr 2015, 7 pm to 8 pm.

Type of Organization. Much discussion concerning establishing the type of nonprofit organization VSSA wants to be. There are many different types of 501c organizations, each with a different purpose and tax consequences. The discussion was before we go any further that we must decide early what type of nonprofit association we want VSSA to be. The board needs to fully understand each type of nonprofit before making a decisions on how to proceed. Mike contracted Ben English who does volunteer work for the Chesapeake Legal Alliance (CL) <http://www.chesapeakelegal.org> and Ben has agreed to participate in the 2 Apr 2015 teleconference to brief the board on the various nonprofits the VSSA could support.

Interim Board. Bill Dunn agreed to serve as one of the interim board members. We now have 9 board members comprising the VSSA. Mike Avery, Kevin Smith, Bob Reed John Bello, Steve Quigley, Jerry Aycock, Dr. Bob Allen, Doug Ochsenknecht, and Bill Dunn

Way Ahead. The next meeting will be a board meeting planned for **Thursday, 2 Apr 2015 7 – 8 pm.** Dial in number: 712-775-7031, Meeting ID code: 268-591-500. The two main topics will be the website briefed by Jerry Aycock and Type of nonprofits briefed by Ben English.

Meeting notes approved by: Interim Board Members