

## Grand Masters Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2017

Bob Ricks called the meeting to order at 1:00 at the Canal St. Recreation Center.

In attendance: President; Bob Ricks, Vice-President; Marc Cammanrano, Treasurer; RaeAnn Bethel, Sandra Skopaz, Per Olsen, Sharon Smith, Susan Chicione, Karen Ness, Marquerite Mueller, Pat Culp, John MacPhee.

Treasury Report: RaeAnn reported the GMDBC made a donation of \$200. to the Debra Clayton Memorial. Debra was a police officer in Orlando, killed in the line of duty, who was also a paddler on the Dueling Dragons. Also noted was the \$70 to renew our corporation status. Treasurer's report attached to minutes.

Inclement weather: Because of a recent incident on Lake Sumter, John Rohan sent an email indicating that GMDBC will only have access to Lake Sumter if they comply with his "no boats on the water during inclement weather policy." To clarify "inclement weather" so that all captains, coaches, and steersmen have the same understanding the board restated the following policy.

Inclement weather is defined as:

- 1) Wind; Boats will only be on the water when there are no whitecaps.
- 2) Fog: Boats can only be on the water when the dam and bridge are both visible from the dock.
- 3) Thunder and lightning: must have 20 minutes without thunder or lightning before boats can be on the water.

Boats that are on the water when any of the above conditions occur will return to the dock immediately.

Copies of this policy will be in writing and given to all captains, coaches, and steersmen.

Bob Ricks then introduced Joe Sinkovic and Joe's new assistant, Stephanie. Bob had invited Joe to the board meeting so Joe could share High Five's plans.

Joe covered topics including:

- how his company is developing
- High Five's festival schedule
- idea of GMDBC partnering with High Five on one of the Lake Weir races to use it as a fund raiser for GMDBC

- change in how High Five orders medals; indicating he is buying in bulk at beginning of year so he should be able to award more medals, though he still wants to keep the integrity of the medals meaning something.
- possible future plans
- gear; High Five has a “dragon boat exchange” on their web site where clubs can list / buy boats between clubs 8% commission going to High Five.  
Website is [dragonboatsales.com](http://dragonboatsales.com)
- plans to build “rock solid” boats - kuluas
- Joe asked our view on joining SRDBA. He questioned the “bang for the buck.” When the insurance issue requiring SRDBA membership was discussed, Joe shared that he does not recommend our current insurance company because he feels they are expensive.
- race entry fees and discounts were discussed. Concern that besides early sign up discounts, all club teams should pay the same.
- discussion on the divisions teams were grouped in for races.
- paddles: quality vs. price and features to consider

Bob Ricks reminded all teams that Fred needs help in maintaining area, especially at Lake Sumter.

Silver Dragons are hosting a Trivia Night on March 14, at SeaBreeze as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$5.

Sandra Skopaz shared that she has been receiving emails from one of the coaches. She asked that in the future all emails be addressed to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
RaeAnn Bethel  
subbing for secretary Cheryl Moran

copy of email sent to:

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Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 5:53 PM

Inclement Weather clarification

gmail.com

date:

subject:

mailed-by:

Hi Captains, At Monday's, February 13, 2017 board meeting, the board restated the following policy regarding "inclement weather" and when boats can and cannot be on Lake Sumter. Captains, please forward this email to all coaches and steersmen on your team so that everyone has the same understanding of inclement weather and can be in compliance with GMDBC's policy which is in compliance with directives from John Rohan. It was agreed at the board meeting that all captains, coaches, and steersmen would have this policy in writing. This email is to serve that purpose.

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# GMDBC Treasurer's Report

## February 9, 2017

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| <b>Beginning Balance</b>                           |                    |
| <b>Dec 31, 2016</b>                                | <b>\$15,279.01</b> |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                | <b>\$4,144.00</b>  |
| Fair Share Contribution                            | \$1,500.00         |
| Membership   | \$2,580.00         |
| Uniforms   | \$64.00            |
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| <b>Total Expenses</b>                              | <b>\$579.79</b>    |
| Boat Maintenance & Storage                         | \$245.79           |
| Corporation fee                                    | \$70.00            |
| Uniform refund                                     | \$64.00            |
| Donation to Debra Clayton<br>fund (police officer) | \$200.00           |
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| <b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>                     | <b>\$18,843.22</b> |
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