

GRAND MASTERS DRAGON BOAT CLUB
BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2018

Attendance Sheet Attached

Meeting called to order by President Lee Cerovac at 1:00pm.

Guests attending Joe Sinkovich and Cynthia Smith from High Five and Andy Smith from Events in Motion.

- First, Sumter dock is closed 2/19-2/23 for installing kayak docks. Lake open for use, but dock is closed and must load from the shore.
- Pat Bradley is speaker tomorrow, and dr, merkin will speak in March.
- Marilyn Hintermeister of TBR requests access to team rosters in order to send cards to sick or disabled club members. Board agreed without dissent.
- Lee said that Raoul recently taught a class on IDBF rules. Lee paid for his meals while Raoul was here, and the Board, on a motion by Steve and second by RaeAnn, approved reimbursing Lee \$90.84 for this expense.
- Steve Printz brought up the issue of the 10 man boat being removed from Lake Miona recently, and replaced with an older 20 man boat. He said Silver Dragons use it nearly every practice, and frequently don't have enough paddlers for 2 20 man boats. Lee said he was told Warriors have more than 30 paddlers at their practices, requiring the second 20 man boat, and that GMDBC only has permission to put 2 boats at Lake Miona. John MacPhee suggested trying to get approval for a third boat at Miona. Tom McLellan from Warriors said that, while Bob Kane preferred to use 2 20 man boats, their numbers were OK to use 1 20 and 1 10 man boat. Lee said the 10 man boat would be returned to Lake Miona.
- Marc Cammarano informed the Board that the new BUK boat at Lake Sumter had water leaking from the #5 speaker, and needs checked. John MacPhee said that Blackheart checked it and found water and under the hull. The boat needs to be pulled out of the water and checked over, and, if necessary, patched. Lee will coordinate with Fred and get the BUK boat out of the water for repairs.
- Steve Printz asked if there was any specific rule as to cold weather practice on Sumter, specifically any set temperature below which teams cannot practice. Lee responded that at one time, if the combined air and water temperature was less than 100', Boats could not go out, but he was not aware of any specific requirements today. John Rohan is more concerned with boats being on the water in fog and high winds, and the

recreation department is currently going through rules development for all boats, including dragon boats, kayaks, and fishing boats.

- John MacPhee and Per Olesen asked why the “fog rules” required the ability to see the bridge from the dock before going out. Both believe Rohan only required seeing the lighthouse. After discussion, John MacPhee moved, with Per Olesen second, to permit boats to go out if they could see the lighthouse, subject to John Rohan’s approval. Motion passed 9-1, with RaeAnn Bethel voting no.
- Steve Printz brought up recruiting new paddlers, and said every team struggles with recruiting. He suggested offering a “dragon boat 101” course, possibly through the Enrichment Academy, with teams providing steerspersons, coaches, and a few experienced paddlers. Steve offered to research the subject and report back.
- Lee mentioned the upcoming Outdoor Expo as a possible recruiting tool, and RaeAnn asked why we don’t participate. Lee said we can still get in if we let the recreation department know of our interest. Teams would need to provide volunteers to man the booth. The Board agreed it was worth pursuing. John Townley brought up that the Expo was the same day as the Eaton Beach race. Guest Joe Sinkovich with High Five asked if the Expo was always the same weekend, and said he would be willing to move the race next year.
- Lee brought up practice hours on Lake Sumter, and said that, as of now, we will keep our existing hours. John Townley asked why dragon boats could not be on the lake with kayaks and the fishing boat, and Lee stated that was John Rohan’s position. Any changes to the hours would take effect in March.
- RaeAnn Bethel provided her treasurer’s report, which is attached.
- Sandra Skopaz brought up our use of Team Snap and said our cost is the same whether we use all the features or not. Specifically she said we could use Team Snap for waivers and payment, which should reduce paperwork, while still providing verification. Initially we could start with GMDBC dues, but eventually we could add individual team payments. The cost for using the online payment system is \$.99 + 2%; this would mean GMDBD would receive \$18.69 of each \$20 dues payment. Lee suggested setting up a committee to review this, and said he would schedule a meeting of the officers plus Sandra.

- **Guest Andy Smith with Events in Motion was introduced. He is working with Tavares Rotary Club in promoting the upcoming Tavares race. He passed out information regarding the race, and said the the Rotary Club President would speak at tomorrow night's GMDBC meeting. He added that there were 21 teams last year, and he hopes for at least that many this year.**
- **Joe Sinkovich with High Five was introduced, and he introduced Cynthia Smith, also with High Five. Joe talked about their race plans in 2018, which will feature more small boats, along with new promotions, such as free shirts at Eaton Beach, a hat day, possibly at Tarpon Springs, and a planned steersperson appreciation day. High Five is re-doing some of their boat interiors, and building boats for use at their camps. Joe spoke a lot about the April 21st Bahamas race, and said they are arranging for special discounts for the ferry, hotel, and more. The race will be held at the Grand Bahama Yacht Club, and the Pelican Bay is the race hotel. Paddlers will need a passport. More information will follow.**
- **John MacPhee asked if GMDBC would be holding a Lake Sumter Festival, and Lee said no. Lee is still working on a possible Leesburg festival.**
- **Lee said there was an event scheduled for March 29th at Lake Miona, and all teams are invited. This is a Thursday, and will be in the afternoon.**
- **The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.**
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GMDSC 2/12/2018 Board Meeting

John Towling	Silver Dragons / secretary
Tom McCallan	Warrior
LEE GROYAC	PRES.
ALAN SMITH	EVENTS IN MOTION
Joe Sinkovic	High Five.
MARC CAMMARANO	UP
KAREN NESS	SILVER DRAGONS
Steve PRINZ	SILVER DRAGON.
Per Olesen	Dirty Dozen
Rachel Bittel	treasurer
Cynthia Smith	High Five
John Machee	Blackheart
Susan Chocoke	TBR
SANDRA SKOPAZ	DRAGON SISTERS
Beth Bower	Village Dragons

**GMDBC Treasurer's Report
February 13, 2018**

Beginning Balance	
December 31, 2017	\$9,932.91
Total Income	\$1,088.00
Fair Share Contribution	\$1,030.00
Membership	\$0.00
50-50 Raffle	\$58.00
Total Expenses	\$311.03
Boat Main. and Storage	\$241.03
Administration (Sun Biz)	\$70.00
Ending Balance 1/31/18	\$10,709.88