

GRAND MASTERS DRAGON BOAT CLUB
Membership Meeting
August 14, 2018

- Attendance sheet attached.
- Meeting called to order by Treasurer RaeAnn Bethel at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge.
- New guests were introduced, with 4 new TBR members present.
- RaeAnn said the club vote to purchase a new boat approved the purchase.
- 2 new teams, Paddling Patriots and Sparta 70 were introduced.
- Beach maintenance tomorrow at Lake Sumter, which will require the boats to be moved.
- Susan spoke on meetings between TBR and Villages Public Safety have produced agreed upon procedures at Sumter, with the report attached.
- A new cover is being purchased for the 20 man boat at Miona.
- Board is working with rec. department on hours on Sumter for October through March.
- Treasurer's report is attached.
- Captain's reports.
 - Blackheart, Maureen Byers reported the team did well recently in Canada, winning 1 gold and 2 silvers. The team is practicing for Jacksonville next month.
 - Warriors, Rich Schaum said the team has new members and is looking forward to racing at Turkey Lake in October.

- **Dragon Sisters, Sandra Skopaz reports the team has upcoming races in October and November, including the first race for their new Breast Cancer Survivors team. Th3 team continues to help with SOZO back to school kids. 4 team members will be accompanying veterans on upcoming Honor Flights.**
- **Silver Dragons, Karen Ness reports the team plans to race at Babcock Ranch, Turkey Lake, Hernando, and possibly Eaton Beach this fall. The team continues to support local food banks, and several team members will be on upcoming Honor Flights.**
- **Paddling Patriots, Terry Elsmore, captain for this new team, reported they currently have 18 members, and are practicing twice a week at Miona.**
- **TBR, Susan Chicoine reports the team will race at Hernando and Eaton Beach. The team has an upcoming music bingo in support of Relay For Life. The team has donated over \$40,000 to charities over the past 5 years.**
- **Sparta 70, Dottie Baker reported this new team is for paddlers 70 and older, and hopes to compete in France in 2020.**
- **Village Dragons, were presented as the only seasonal team. They hope to resume practice in December.**
- **Marilyn Hintermeister introduced speaker, Dr. Thi Tran, a dermatologist with Village Dermatology. Dr. Tran spoke for 45 minutes on skin care, common misinformation, and prevention. He answered questions afterwards.**
- **50/50 raffle produced prizes of \$9, \$13, and \$19.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.**
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GMDBC Treasurer's Report
August 14, 2018

Beginning Balance	
Jun 30, 2018	\$17,324.31
Total Income	\$1,050.00
Fair Share Contribution	\$970.00
Membership	\$80.00
Total Expenses	\$3,117.36
Boat Main. and Storage	\$696.32
Administration: web site fee	\$1,302.41
Administration (checks)	\$48.63
Insurance (Dir. & Officers)	\$820.00
Activities (medals & prizes)	\$250.00
Ending Balance 7/31/18	\$15,256.95

Villages Public Safety Department Standard Operating Procedures



500.002

Title: Water Rescue Operations

Effective Date:

June 2016

Revised Date:

June 2018

Sunset Date:

June 2021

This revision supersedes all previous editions of this document

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines for the response of fire department personnel and equipment to water rescue incidents. Because water rescue operations present a significant danger to fire department personnel, the safe and effective management of these operations require special considerations.

Scope

This procedure establishes a standard and guideline for all fire department personnel operating at incidents involving water rescue operations.

Policy

Personal Safety Considerations

- Personnel are expected to ensure proper safety equipment is available prior to departure from land.
- The greatest risk to rescue personnel is that of drowning. The only adequate protection is by wearing a proper fitting, USCG approved type III (or better) Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
- Fire department personnel shall wear an approved PFD at all time while:
 - Riding in or on any watercraft while moving under power
 - Engaged in any emergency response on or near the water
 - Engaged in any operation in the water
 - In any situation where the firefighter is at risk for falling into the water
- Personnel are expected to know their own swimming ability limitations, and take appropriate measures to ensure their own safety, as well as the safety of any potential victims.

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General Safety Considerations

- Only members with experience operating a boat and a high comfort level should be in the position of Primary Boat Operator.
- Weather conditions should be monitored closely to ensure a safe rescue can be completed.
- The boat motor should be shut off if any person in the water comes close to the back of the boat or while removing patients from the water.

Rescue Operations

- At any time personnel are operating on the water from a watercraft, the operator is ultimately in charge of and responsible for the watercraft.
- Incident Command, Operations Officer, and Safety Officer shall develop a rescue action plan prior to commencing operations. Low risk operations should be used before attempting higher risk operations.
 - **Reach** – The first method of water rescue is to reach the victim with an object such as a pole, backboard, ladder, ect. Either the victim can pull themselves or be pulled to safety.
 - **Throw** – If reach is not possible then throw an item that will float such as a PFD, throw ring, or a rope bag to a victim. The device thrown should be attached to a rope so the victim can be rescued.
 - **Go** – The last resort is to enter the water and swim to the victim.
- If it becomes necessary to enter the water to perform a rescue, an operator will remain on-board the watercraft at all times.
- The Incident Commander must ensure that all rescue operations are conducted in a safe manner. If safety is compromised, the operation must be aborted or modified so that it can be carried out safely.
- Water rescue operations may require multiple companies to complete the rescue safely. An early request for additional resources will help to ensure that adequate personnel are deployed to safely manage the incident.

The following locations will allow access of fire personnel and the transfer of patients in need of medical care at Lake Sumter:

- North end of Morse Boulevard by Tunnel M5
- South end of Morse Boulevard Bridge/West side gains access to Lake Sumter Lake

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Boat Access Location for Lake Sumter Lake

- Waterfront Hotel – 1105 Lake Shore Drive (Boat Ramp) can also be utilized for both patient care and launching Marine 41. This location shall be used as an access point.

Boat access point for Lake Mionia Boat Ramp

- 10501 County Rd 115, The Villages

Boat access point for Lake Deaton Boat Ramp

- 5300 County Rd 155, Wildwood

Edmund Cain

Edmund Cain, Fire Chief

Date: 6/4/2018

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NAME	TEAM
CONNIE INGRAM	TBR
Vicki McMillan	Dragon Sisters
Mary Kashner	"
Ken Johnson	Patriots
Vera Painley	Dragon Sisters
Karl Boettner	TBR
July King	Silver Dragons
Maria Brown	Silver Dragon
Dottie Baker	Warriors / Sparta 70
ROD GALLAGHER	TBR
Sue Stephens	Dragon Sisters
Mike Sargent	Patriots
John Tomlin	Secretary / Silver Dragon

(8) PATRIOTS
(8) SISTERS
(4) WARRIORS
(7) SILVER DRAGONS
(5) BLACK HEARTS
(2) VILLAGE DRAGONS
(12) TBR

(2) GUESTS

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NAME	TEAM
DAVE BETHEL	PADDLING PATRIOTS SILVER DRAGONS
RAEANN BETHEL	PADDLING PATRIOTS
Dennis Lyonais	SILVER DRAGONS
Mauraen Byer	BLACKHEART
ROBYN ORSER	DRAGON SISTERS
Anna Sauter	TBR
Rob Tompkins	WARRIORS
Vickie Ebersole	Dragon Sisters
Mary DeFrances	Village Dragons
Joanne Lavoie	Blackheart
SANDRA STOPAZ	DRAGON SISTERS
Lisa Korecky	TBR
Sharon Kane	Blackheart
Case	Blackheart

DR TRAW

- GUEST SPEAKER

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NAME	TEAM
Dave Davidson	TBR
Linda Morrison	TBR
Debbie Duhomel	TBR
DEBORAH MIERISCH	BLACKHEART
Marilyn Zupymowitz	TBR
Kathy Schorem	WARRIORS
KAREN NEES	SILVER DRAGONS
Jan Barney	Silver Dragons
Betty Tyrie	Silver Dragons
Susan Lucare	TBR
Jenny Hall	TBR
Diane Wehr	TBR
DON ZLASS	A. R. O. T. S.
Karen Carpenter	Dragon Sisters
Julie Colman	Patriots
Jerry Clmore	"
BEATRICE AESTER	Dragon Village Dragon
FRANK BASKETTO	WARRIORS
Mary Soergel	Patriots