**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club of The Villages**

**Board Meeting August 12. 2019**

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Moran. President

RaeAnn Bethel. Treasurer

Elly Olesen. Secretary

Steve Printz. Silver Dragons

Rich Schaum. Warriors – Sparta 70

Anne Simonsen. Sparta 70

Terry Elsmore. Paddling Patriots

Julie Coleman. Paddling Patriots

Bill Mankus. Blackheart

Mary Lou Bremmer. Blackheart

Alicia Thomas. This Boat Rocks

Sandra Skopaz. Dragon Sisters.

Meeting called to order at 12:58 by President Cheryl.

**Secretaries Report:**

Minutes from the July 8th Board meeting was presented including changes.

Motion for approval by Cheryl. 2nd by Steve. Approved.

Bill Mankus, Captain of the Blackhearts, introduced Mary Lou as Co-Captain for the Blackhearts.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

See attached.

Motion to approve by Elly. 2nd by Rich. Approved.

RaeAnn advised that all teams must submit their tax forms no later than August 31.

Captains must ensure all Waivers are filled out complete and correctly before submitting.

The new forms are on the website and must be used.

When teams submit checks, it should be one check only.

Dues for the remainder of the years is $10.

**President’s Report:**

Cheryl thanked all for their willingness to volunteer on various duties and task forces.

September Board meeting will be from 12:30-2:00.

Joe from High Five was scheduled to attend but has rescheduled for the October meeting.

Any Team that wants to change practice hours must submit these changed to Cheryl before Aug. 31.

Cheryl handed out GMDBC Handbooks and gave a quick overview of its content.

**John Rohan Meeting:**

Meeting was very positive.

Rohan will form a team to work on improvements at Lake Sumter.

Building a new wall

A safer launch area.

Restrooms.

Protection for our equipment.

This might be done by November.

**Facility/ Boat Matters**

Fred needed parts for repair of the wheels on the trailer.

All is now in order.

Motion to approve expenses by RaeAnn. 2nd by Cheryl. Approved.

Cheryl handed out GMDBC Handbooks and gave a quick overview of its content.

**Facility Task Force:**

Steve’s report on the rules for Lake Sumter is attached.

Any correction must be forwarded to Cheryl by August 31.

Steve also submitted his report on Lake Deaton. See attached.

There will soon be a meeting at Lake Deaton with officials from Sumter County and Wildwood, to explore possibilities for using Lake Deaton for Dragon Boating.

The task Force will bring a list of requirements such as, Length, dept, parking, and restrooms.

Cheryl thanked the Task Force for all it’s hard work.

**Safety Guidelines:**

All must inflate their PFD if going in the water.

Each paddler must have a spare cartridge, or use a regular PFD.

Motion by Steve, 2nd by Sandra. Approved.

**AED:**

Report given by Cheryl on behalf of Mary.

The task force has selected a Cardiac Science AED for Lake Sumter but is waiting for the exact price.

AED to be in a waterproof case in the storage box at the dock.

30 members have signed up for training in the use of the AED.

Captains, Coaches, and Steerers can sign up. Not mandatory, but desirable.

ReaAnn requested the purchase be postponed till next month, due to the funds available.

**Old Business**

Postponed till next meeting.

**New Business:**

September General Meeting will be opened by The Color Guard.

Refreshments will be provided by Team Sparta 70.

There will be a special invite and seating for past GMDBC officers.

A request for Paddling and event pictures from each team (4-6).

Submit to Cheryl before Aug 31.

**Rec. Dept Team Building:**

Rohan has requested a team building event for the Rec Dept. for Oct 23 at 3:00 on Lake Sumter.

There will be 2 teams. Each 20 paddlers.

GMDBC to provide 10 paddlers for each boat. A cross section from all teams.

Sandra will Captain and Coach 1 team and Elly the other team.

Let Sandra and Elly know if you are interested in being a paddler in this event.

The event will consist of:

10-15 min. ground school

½ Hr. paddle and Practice.

A 300 m race

A 200 m race

A 100 m race

**50/50:**

Decision postponed till September meeting

**GMDBC Structure:**

John Townly to Form a task force to review the current by-laws.

Motion by Cheryl, 2nd by Steve. Approved.

**Intramural Race:**

A motion to go forward with an intramural club race in 2020 was presented.

This evet to be chaired by Per.

Motion by Terry. 2nd by Steve. Approved.

John Rohan, at The Villages Recreation Dept. is in need of proposals for the 2020

And 2021 events from the GMDBC for consideration and approval.

**Question from Rohan:**

How to help him to add Dragon Boating to his marketing of Lake Sumter

A motion was made to for 2021 to hold an invitational Senior C + D race.

This should be to tie in with The Villages Senior Games.

Ray Vail has volunteered to chair this event.

Motion to go forward made by Elly. 2nd by ReaAnn. Approved.

**September General Meeting:**

Mark Kane will be guest speaker.

Mark is the current president of SRDBA.

Motion to adjourned at 2:30 pm approved.

Respectful submitted by

**Elly Olesen**

**Secretary. GMDBC**

If any corrections, please send them to me by 8/31