**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club.**

**General Meeting September 10th. 2019**

**Attendance:**

66 Members attended.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. By President Cheryl Moran.

**Pledge:**

The meeting opened with the presentation of the Color Guard by the Marine Corps 1267

Followed by the pledge of Allegiance to the flag of USA.

**Opening:**

Cheryl opened the meeting with a power point presentation to celebrate our club “We Just Are”

Highlights of all teams set to music, that had everyone tapping their feet.

**Secretary’s Report:**

As no minutes were taken at the June meeting (club picnic), there were no outstanding minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

ReaAnn presented the financial statement: Attached.

Rea Ann asked the membership to support the Girl Scouts pajamas program.

Red boxes placed throughout the Villages.

**Celebrating Past Officers:**

In celebrating “we just Are” and how far this club has come, an invitation was sent to past officers

A small gift was presented to acknowledgment of their work.

**New Members and guests:**

1. Judy Lundy, Sparta 70
2. Ed and Amy, guests.

**President’s Report:**

Cheryl informed the membership of the two upcoming races on Lake Sumter in 2020 and 2021.

The Board is writing proposals to the Rec, Dept,

1. First event to be an Intramural race on Lake Sumter 2020.
2. Second event to be an Invitational race on Lake Sumter in 2021.For Senior C, and D teams only.
3. This will be the first time, teams from outside the Villages will compete on Lake Sumter.

Cheryl announced that the club logo now is available to any member at Custom Appeal

The price is not available as it depends of the individual layout.

**Sparta 70:**

Anne Simonsen gave an update on Sparta 70, and informed the membership that to paddle

Or be a member of Sparta 70, they would not require giving up their primary team.

Sparta has grown to 40-plus members and practice on Lake Miona every Saturday 8:30 to 10:30.

Sparta 70 has been invited to race in Vancouver, Canada in Senior D. in 2020.

Sparta 70 provided the evenings refreshments.

**Task Force Report:**

The “Facility Task Development Force” will be meeting with the City of Wildwood and Sumter County, on a possibility of making Lake Deaton outfitted for Dragon Boating.

The Task Force will be bringing a proposal and the club’s wish list.

**AED:**

Kathy reported that the club will be buying a AED for Lake Sumter.

**The Evening’s Speaker:**

Mark Kane President of SRDBA, gave an in-debt discusion of the various Dragon Boat Governing bodies, and the importance of supporting these entities.

Mark also announced that in 2020 the USA club Dragon Boat Champions ship will be held in Sarasota, Florida.

**Teams Report:**

1. **Blackheart**: New Captain Greg Walker.
2. **Village Dragons**: will reconvene in December.
3. **Dirty Dozen**: A team for retired race paddlers only.
4. Paddling Patriots: Fun team to join.
5. **Worrier**s: Have plans to race at Hernando, Orlando and Sarasota.
6. **Sparta 70**: The team is busy in preparation for the race in Vancouver.
7. **Silver Dragons**: Plan to race at Hernando and Turky Lake.
8. **Dragon Sisters**: Plan to race at Hernando and Sarasota.
9. **This Boat Rocks**: Plan to race at Hernando.

Teams also gave an in-debt report of their philanthropical projects.

**50/50**- has ended.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

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