Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting, October 7th. 2019

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Moran President

Kathy Summers-Sitarski Vice-President

RaeAnn Bethel Treasurer

Elly Olesen Secretary

Alicia Thomas This Boat Rocks

Richard Schaum Warriors

Dottie Baker Sparta 70

Steve Printz Silver Dragons

Per Olesen Dirty Dozen Dragons

Anne Simonsen Warriors/Sparta 70

Mary Lou Bremer Blackheart

Julie Coleman Paddling Patriots

Terry Elsmore Paddling Patriots

Mary DeFranzo Village Dragons

Meeting called to order at 12:50pm. By Cheryl Moran, President.

**Opening:**

Cheryl opened the meeting by handing out a Flash drive to all board members.

Which included: 1. The power point “we Just Are”

2. Safety Presentation

3. Mark Kane’s presentation on S R D B A

**Board Meeting guest:** Joe Sinkovic from High Five.

Joe was to explain the incidents regarding the July Race and other concerns from the board.

The top concern is the safety of all paddlers.

Item of discussion was:

1.Management of recreational boat traffic during races.

2. Extra staff to manage the safety of children present, when loading and unloading

The boats.

3.Having adequate number of rest rooms.

4.Attention to Senior C. being mixed with Premier paddlers.

5.A higher quality of Medals.

6. Use of referee boats and Safety boats during races.

To prevent a repeat of multiple boats turning over, such as the July event at Eaton Beach.

Joe explained: to provide the extra boats and persons would up the entry fees.

A conclusion was not reached at this meeting., However Joe will send Cheryl a proposal with the board’s concerns.

Joe informed that the December 7th. Race at Eaton Beach was cancelled and moved to December 14th. A new location was a possibility. More information on this, when available.

**Secretary Report:**

September 9th. Minutes had no changes.

Motion to approve as written was made by Steve and 2nd. By Per.

The Report was approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

Attached.

Motion made to approve as presented was made by Steve and 2nd. By Per

The Report was approved.

**President’s Report:**

1. Lake Hours remain unchanged, however ½ Hr. was added.
2. Silver Dragons will return to their previous time on Lake Sumter on Thursdays.
3. Paddling Patriots will also return to their previous time on Lake Sumter on Tuesdays.
4. Hydrilla in the lake Sumter, has been sprayed, and is now under control.
5. The wasp infestation around the loading dock at Sumter has also been sprayed.

**Future list for General Meetings:**

1.October- Annual Safety Meeting, to be presented by Kathy and Terry.

2.November- Silver Dragons program 101.

3.December – Team USA Senior C. Villages.

4. January 2020- Fire fighters? Kathy?

5.February- Lake Sumter Management and Ecology- Chris Cash the Villages Rec. Dept.

**Task Force Report:**

Mary Joe reported that the AED task Force is now ready to purchase the AED.

A motion was made to approve a $1,500.00 amount, by Per and 2nd. By ReaAnn,

The purchase was approved.

Mary Joe and Julie will set up training for both CPR and the use of the AED.

**Boat Maintenance/ Lake Matters:**

A discussion was made on maintenance supplies of the boat after use.

And a motion as made:

That all teams bring their own cleaning supplies, such as rags and sponges to use after use,

And not leave dirty and wet items behind.

Motion made by Per, 2nd. By Kathy, motion approved.

Cheryl reported that progress on the Villages making the new wall at the launch area is in the works. More info. On this later, as timing is given.

**Old Business:**

1. Team Snap/Website- no report
2. Train a Team Snap Backup Person- no report.
3. Develop non-paddlers or Associate members section- no report.
4. 2020 & 2021 proposals- no report.
5. Club Brochure update: A draft proposal was handed out to the board by Kathy.
6. GMDBC structure: race coordinator for the club- postponed.

**New Business:**

Event for 10/23 with the REC. DEPT. is on schedule. Detailed report postponed due to special incident report from TBR.

**Incident report from TBR, 10 /7/2019.**

Due to a paddlers health concern a 911 call was made, and the EMS call was discussed by the board. The report was also sent to Rohan at the Rec. Dept.

Just an FYI: The paddler is OK.

Another incident was reported by Kathy and Alicia.:

A Paddler physically pushed another paddler. Witnesses should submit statements to Kathy and Alicia.

The board unanimously agreed such behavior cannot be accepted and voted to terminate the offending paddler from the club.

Cheryl will present the statements to the Rec. Dept. and see if there are any problems with

terminating a member from a recreational Program.

When, an if this clears Cheryl will send a letter to the paddler in question from the board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary, GMDBC.