**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club.**

**General Meeting October 8th. 2019**

**Attendance: 83 members attended.**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.**

**Opening:** The Pledge of allegiance to the flag of U S A

**Guests**: Bob Swanson, Mike Maino, Julie.

**New Members:** Marilyn Mankus, Toni Stephenson.

**Secretary Report:**

Minutes had no changes or updates.

A motion to approve minutes as written by Ron Lopez, and 2nd. By Dottie Baker.

Minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report.**

Report Attached. A motion to approve the financial statement as presented was made

By John and 2nd. By Per. Report approved.

RaeAnn informed the club is coming close to the time for the board to make the decision

on the Teams fair share distribution, if any.

**President Report:**

1.Cheryl reported on the paddler involved with the EMS call, is home from the Hospital, and again out riding his bike.

2.An AED has been purchased by the club and will be located at Lake Sumter. Mary and Julie will be setting up a schedule for training of members interested in CPR and the AED.

3.The Villages will improve the Boat launch area at Lake Sumter. This will possible take place during the month of November.

4. The Turkey Lake Race will this year have a Senior C division.

5. The board met with Joe from High Five regarding the concerns of the July race and future High Five races. Joe will send info to the club of possible improvements, that could be done.

December 7th. Race at Eaton Beach is cancelled.

6. October 23rd. event.

The club is hosting a team building event for the Villages Rec. Dept. It will take place on Lake Sumter.

Ground school, and event to be in front of the Boardwalk by the Waterfront Hotel.

The event is from 3-4:30pm.

After the event, a gathering is planned for GMDBC members at the Hotel to celebrate mission accomplice. (food and drinks are on your own)

It is important that our members come out and help encourage the paddlers from

The REC. DEPT.

7. The visit with Lake County & Wildwood on plans to make Lake Deaton an alternate Dragon Boat facility was positive.

8.The Lake hours remain unchanged, except a ½ hour was added.

9. The Hydrilla in Lake Sumter has been sprayed one more time and seems to be working.

**Teams reports.**

**1.Blackheart**- ramping up for race at Turkey Lake.

**2.Dirty Dozen**- Not a race team. However, a team where retired race paddlers can stay in shape and enjoy the camaraderie team paddling present.

**3. Sparta** 70- Preparing for the Senior D race in Vancouver.

**4. Warriors**- will race at Turkey Lake, Sarasota and Tampa.

**5. Paddling Patriots**- preparing for races at Sarasota and Hernando.

**6.Silver Dragons**- racing at Turkey Lake and Sarasota. Also, very busy with their program

Dragon Boating 101.

**7.Village Dragons**- Will resume in December.

**8.TBR**- racing at Turkey Lake and Hernando. They announced their TRIVIA night had a

Few tickets left.

**9. Dragon Sisters-** Will race at Turkey Lake.

They reported a complete sell-out for their MUSICAL BINGO night October 10th.

The proceeds from this event will support “The Haven House”

**Safety Report:**

Kathy and Terry presented a very entertaining Safety Program with much valuable information.

The Safety report is on a flash drive all Captains have received one, for Team members to borrow and view.

**Terry inflated his PFD for everyone to see how it works.**

**A special thanks to Anne Simonsen, Sparta 70, for sharing her Safety information.**

**Club Members Special Donation requests:**

RaeAnn- Girl Scout Pajama Drive: (Red Boxes placed throughout the REC. Centers.)

Beth Bowen- Food Bank- nonperishable-

These donations will be collected at the November and December General Meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted

**Elly Olesen**

Secretary