**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club General Meeting.**

**November 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: 54

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of U S A

Opening:

Cheryl Moran gave tribute to all Veterans and thanked them for their services.

**Guests and New Members:**

1. Emely Foster
2. Mary Jo Pipkins
3. Ruth Damstra

New Members: None

**Secretary’s Report:**

Corrections to the October minutes was:

Last name added to John Townley

Last name added to Per Olesen

Paragraph 4. Of Presidents report red “Senior C Division”. Should read “Senior C Race “.

Motion to approve minutes as written including corrections.

Motion made by Larry Reed and 2nd. By Richard Schaum. Approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

ReaAnn presented the financial statement.

The report attached.

The club has received a $400.00 reimbursement for the defective boat cover from Pan Am.

Motion to approve report as presented was made by Richard Schaum and 2nd. By Arlene Russo.

Motion approved.

Board was reminded of the upcoming financial meeting in January 2020.

**Presidents Report:**

Cheryl Moran informed that the board has been very busy working on tying up loose ends, and applauded all captains for their commitment to move this club forward.

A meeting with the Rec. Dept. has been scheduled for November 13 th., regarding the boat incident.

No Information pertaining to improvement of the dock area at Lake Sumter at this time.

Chery Moran also presented the idea of possible bringing a Paddle camp to our area sometime in the future.

**Team Reports:**

**This Boat Rocks.** Kathy Summers-Sitarski, reported the team is very busy preparing for their 2-boat participation, in the on-water Christmas parade on Lake Sumter, December 5th.

Black heart. Greg Walker reported the team had very successful races at Turkey Lake and Hernando.

They brought home several medals, including 3 Gold.

**Warriors:** Richard Schaum, reported the team now have 39 members. They took medals from Turkey Lake and Hernando.

Richard also announce that Dottie Baker’s Sister had passed away. (A card of Sympathy was sent on behalf of the club.)

**Sparta 70:** Working hard preparing for Vancouver. The team is growing,26 members has committed to

Race there in division Team also medaled in Hernando and Sarasota.

**Silver Dragons:** Karen Ness, Reported that the team now has grown to 50 members. Was successful at the races at Turkey Lake and Hernando and Sarasota. Brought home 4 medals. Now working on Stamina.

Working with the Children’s Angle tree at

North Lake Presbyterian Church.

**Dirty Dozen**. A no racing team. A fun team where retired paddlers can maintain their fitness level.

**Dragon Sisters.** Sandra Skopaz reported on their many Philanthropical causes.

Team had a successful Musical Bingo, October parade, help with insulating a Haven House, Will shortly deliver 40 Turkeys for Thanksgiving to needy families.

They took home several medals from the races.

**Paddling Patriots.** Terry Elsmore. The team is now over 40 members. Raced in Sarasota and Hernando and brought home 2 medals. This is a Fun, Fitness and Friendship team.

**Village Dragons**. Kathy ????????? Thanked the teams for the generous food donations.

The team will convene in December.

The evenings program: **Dragon Boating 101- by Silver Dragons.**

Joe Nitto and Holly Daugherty presented the program Dragon Boating 101, which is available through The Villages Enrichment Academy. This also works as a fundraiser for the team. The program gives both in class and on the water experience. A total of 58 people has taken the course and 9 have joined the Silver Dragons.

The team has been asked to do another session in April 2020 by the Academy.

This presentation was very informative and educational. Thank you Silver Dragons.

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

**Special Donations.**

RaeAnn informed of the collection of pajamas for the Girl Scout Alumni’s. Has reached 2000. Also several cash donations has been received.

The Village Dragons collected a large amount of food for the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.r4f4

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted

**Elly Olesen**

Secretary of GMDBC>