**GMDBC General Meeting March 10th -2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: 49 members were present.

**Opening.**

1. Cheryl Moran opened the meeting by leading the pledge to the American Flag and presented a power point of highlights and memories in honor of Fred Frederiksen.
2. A moment of silence was observed after.
3. A certificate of a tree planted in memory of Fred Frederiksen was also presented and will be given to Pam Frederiksen.
4. On behalf of Pam Frederiksen, Tina Getz thanked the members for their support and help in this difficult time.
5. A request was made that each team bring 2 desserts for the “celebration of life” at Eisenhower (4-7pm.)

**Guest and New Members:**

1. Guest: Chip Lamburn

**Secretary Report:**

No Corrections to the minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes as published by Larry Reed and 2nd by Rose Marie Batts

Report approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

RaeAnn Bethel presented the financial statement: Statement is attached.

A motion was made to approve the financial statement as presented by Dottie Baker and 2nd by Rod Thompkins. Statement approved.

**President Report.**

1. Cheryl Moran has a meeting with Mr. Rohan scheduled for March 20th regarding the improvements at Lake Sumter’ and will report at the April meeting.
2. Bylaws now ready for review by all members.
3. A race Coordinator is still needed
4. Silver Dragons did their long paddle on Lake Miona ,8miles.
5. The Warriors participated in Ric’s Mad Paddle, 7.3 miles

**Boat Maintenance Chuck Coogan and/or Peggy Gugliano:**

1. Peggy Gugliano reported that all 7 boat covers now are repaired and in very good condition.

2. Peggy handed over a manual she had made on the new design. Manual attached.

3. Cheryl Moran presented Peggy with a gift card and thanked her for all the hard work.

4. Chuck Coogan will now be our new boat manager and will be setting up a team of volunteers, he can call on when needed.

5. A schedule will be made for the teams regarding the maintenance of all boats.

6. Teams were reminded to check all boat rails and report to Chuck Coogan if repairs are needed.

7. Chuck Coogan will get together with This Boat Rocks to move the Club equipment to a GMDBC storage unit.

**Vice President Report:**

VP not present.

**Safety Matters:**

 Mary DeFranco reported the AED is now located inside the box by our boats at Lake Sumter and ready for use.

TBR has volunteered to check the AED batteries.

Mary DeFranco and Julie Coleman held an AED training class. 9 members attended.

A detailed training session will be held right after the general meeting in April.

John Townley reported on the AED at Lake Miona.

**EXPO:**

The event was a success and very well attended.

**Brochures:**

Now available.

**Bylaws & Rules and Procedures Review:**

John Townley explained the new changes to the Bylaws- Rules and Procedures, with a question and answer session after. Bylaws will now be forwarded to our club website for members to read and vote on.

Voting is from April 7th-April 21st, will take effect May 1st.

**Special report:**

Nominations for a Vice President and a Treasurer are now open.

Cheryl Moran and Per Olesen is working on a commitment from Mr. Rohan regarding the 2020 fall Regatta. This regatta is not a club event but spearheaded by The Villages Rec. Dept. Our club is their project.

If this regatta is successful it could positively influence the Senior C invitational Regatta in 2121.

**Team Reports:**

**Warriors.** Rod Tompkins reported the team had a great day at Ric’s Mad Paddle, and Anne Marie Island.

**Silver Dragons:** John Townley reported on their long paddle on Lake Miona. They did well at Anne Marie Island, came home with a Medal.

The team donated also $1000.00 to the Tri-County Women’s Fair and have a Trivia night scheduled.

**Blackheart:** Greg Walker reported on their races at Tampa Bay and Anne Marie Island. entered 4 boats in each event and Medaled in both.

**Sparta 70**: Dottie Baker reported the team hope the Virus situation will not affect their Vancouver race in June. A fundraiser was held at the meeting and tickets for their Bowling event was available.

**TBR:** The Team is very proud of their accomplishment at the Tampa Bay Race as they beat their own very best time. The team is supporting the “Relay for Life “ run to be held March 28th.

**Dragon Sisters:** Attended the Anne Marie Island and did very well with Medals. Some of the Dragon Sisters are going to Vancouver this Summer with Sparta 70. The team is working with Scholarships for students. Also participating in “Girls Night Out “.

**Dirty Dozen:** Per Olesen reported this team is for experienced paddlers only and not a race team. It is a hard-paddling social team.

**Village Dragons:** Mary DeFranco reported this is a seasonal team. The team will race in the Inverness Regatta.

**Special Report:**

Cheryl Moran informed the club that we are an extension of the REC.DEPT. and will follow their protocol regarding the Coronavirus. Please follow their reports and be careful and safe.

Nominations for Club Vice President and Treasurer is open April 1st.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

**Elly Olesen**

**Secretary of GMDBC.**