**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club**

**Board Meeting December 14th, 2020**

**Attendance:**

RaeAnn Bethel—Treasurer

Mary DeFranco—Vice President--by phone

Mary Wilson—Leatherneck Warriors

Linda Braun—TBR and Sub for Elly Olesen/Secretary

John Townley—Silver Dragons

Bob Kane—Sparta 70

Terry Elsmore & Julie Coleman—Paddling Patriots

Cheryl Moran—President

**Opening:**

Cheryl Moran opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

**Secretary Report:**

Cheryl Moran asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made by John Townley to approve and was seconded by Terry Elsmore. The minutes were approved.

**Old business:**

The Blackhearts had a paddler/steer person who tested positive for Covid-19 after having steered and/or paddled on three separate boats over 12/3/2020 and 12/5/2020, possibly exposing those paddlers. The Covid Task Force members met by Zoom and decided to have the entire Blackheart team self-quarantine until December 22, 2020, which was a total of 10 days. The entire team was notified by email by their captain of the events.

Club status of the Dragon Sisters. The board sent out a letter to Sandra Scopaz, the captain of the Dragon Sisters, by way of the attorneys Bogin, Munns and Munns, noting the need to bring their team into compliance with GMDBC by paying their dues and also ensuring that all of their team members were Village residents. The Dragon Sisters chose to withdraw from GMDBC and to pay $250 to the club to be able to keep the name Dragon Sisters.

Bob Kane questioned why GMDBC chose to use attorneys to deal with the situation as the Dragon Sisters have a 14 year history with the club. He firmly stated his position on the issue and a lengthy discussion ensued between Bob and Cheryl Moran. The discussion was ended by Cheryl Moran.

Bob Kane then brought up that the GMDBC bylaws state that the Board’s minutes are supposed to be on their website which has not been done since August. Cheryl Moran acknowledged that Bob Kane was correct.

**Treasurer Report:**

RaeAnn Bethel presented the financial statement. She noted that the storage fees would be going up as our discount was expiring. Covid is also affecting our club’s insurance rates this by increasing.

RaeAnn Bethel advised that our budget meeting was due in January and asked if we should move it to February. Motion to approve the financial statement as presented and to move the January budget meeting to February 2021 was made by Terry Elsmore and seconded by John Townley. The motion was approved by all.

**Boat maintenance and/or Lake Matters:**

Bob Kane advised that he replaced the hasp on the storage box at Lake Miona. John Townley said there are five ropes missing from the storage box at Lake Miona. Those will be replaced. It was brought up that the ropes at Lake Sumter should be left in the storage box and not inside the boats.

**New business:**

Team Snap: Linda Braun (TBR) and Mary DeFranco (VP) will be taking over the duties of running Team Snap and the website. They will be adding the board meeting minutes to the website as soon as they can get authorized to operate the Team Snap site.

Annual registration and dues: RaeAnn Bethel requested that each team captain collect all their team’s GMDBC dues in January and submit it to her in one check. She also asked that the team captains work to ensure that every team member’s personal information and waiver compliance be filled out on their Team Snap member roster. RaeAnn also requests that the team captains be more vigilant in keeping their Team Snap rosters up to date as this is their responsibility.

The electronic registration of each member needs to be completed by January 31, 2021.

It was suggested that the captains print out or obtain the Village waivers from the rec centers as only the Village waivers have to be printed and filled out. The other three waivers will be available to be submitted online until registration ends, then the waivers will need to be printed and filled out. Remember to write “guest” on waivers when appropriate.

**Long term task force:** The district is hoping to have the dragon boat venue south of SR 44 completed by mid to late 2022.

The long term task force is;

* TBR—Karen Giglio-giglio.karen@gmail.com 484-326-9143
* Silver Dragons—Susan Fitzmorris—Peachtree23@comcast.net 352-350-3903
* Dirty Dozen—Per Olesen—perolesbiz@gmail.com 513-307-6274, Chairperson
* The Village Dragons—Jim DeDobbeler—Dedob25@aol.com
* Patriots—Terry Elsmore
* Blackheart—John MacPhee
* Warriors—Dennis Fallow
* Sparta 70—Tom Upton

The Senior C Invitational Event Proposal is postponed until 2022, the Village Regatta is postponed until late 2021, the AED training course is postponed until 2021. A race coordinator is still needed.

Linda Braun made a motion to continue maintaining the cost of Fair Share fees at $10 per boat per hour for all teams for as long as the club is operating under Covid-19 restrictions. The motion was seconded by John Townley and approved by all.

John Townley made a motion that the January 2021 general GMDBC meeting be cancelled. The motion was seconded by Terry Elsmore. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 02:27 p.m.