**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club**

**Board Meeting January 11th-2021**

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Moran------President

Mary DeFranco----Vice President

RaeAnn Bethel-----Treasurer

Elly Olesen----------Secretary

Linda Braun---------Webb Master & Captain TBR

Beth Bowen --------Village Dragons

Mary R Wilson -----Warriors

Mary Lou Bremer –Blackheart

Terry Elsmore ------Paddling Patriots

Julie Coleman ------Paddling Patriots

John Townley -------Silver Dragons

Per Olesen ----------Dirty Dozen

Chuck Coogan -----Boat Manager

**Guests:**

Donnie Lies -----Warriors-Sparta

Bob & Jane Kane –Warriors – Sparta

Lyn Feeks ---- Blackheart

Ron Perich – Sparta

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

**Opening:**

Cheryl Moran welcomed everyone and Informed Captains that she has extra keys to the lockbox at Lake Miona. If they needed a new key, please see her after the meeting.

**Secretaries Report:**

Elly Olesen asked for the approval of the December meeting minutes, including a name correction.

John Townley made the motion and Terry Elsmore 2nd.

The minutes including correction was approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

RaeAnn Bethel passed out the monthly report.

The report will be audited by Rod Thompkins our club’s CPA this coming Friday January 15th.

Motion to approve report as presented was made by John Townley and second by Per Olesen.

reports approved.

RaeAnn Bethel also presented the yearly statement for 2020-2021.

RaeAnn suggested that no reimbursement be made at this time but will be reviewed in June 2021.

Approved by the board.

RaeAnn Bethel also reported on the necessity the club joined the SRDBF, as this is a requirement by our insurance company.

The board was also informed that our CPA Rod Thompkins will retire as club CPA.

A plea for a volunteer for this position was made.

Insurance for 2021 General Liability has been paid.

**Presidents Report:**

Cheryl Moran welcomed the guests attending the board meeting.

Cheryl Moran emphasized the importance on wearing the masks properly, when gathering and paddling and keeping a safe distance as the COVID-19 cases are increasing.

Cheryl Moran also thanked Mary DeFranco and her task force for an outstanding job making sure our rules and protocol on COVID-19 are followed so teams can be on the water.

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

Chuck Coogan informed the Captains to keep the boats closer to the water on Lake Sumter, so The Villages sports boats have better access to the Lake.

All boat ropes must be kept in the lock box when they are not in use.

It is important to exercise care of the boat covers as they are showing wear and tear, and in need of substantial repairs. Chuck Coogan feels it is necessary to purchase a spare cover and Chuck will investigate options and cost.

Under the last storm one of the boats at Lake Sumter was flipped over on the side of the trailer.

Team Blackheart brought it back on the trailer and there was little damage to the boat, only a few minor scratches.

**Lake Matter:**

At this time Lake Sumter is closed through the first week of February. The Villages will then re-evaluate the status of the COVID-19 and timing for reopening Lake Sumter.

Lake Miona is available if GMDBC-protocol is followed. Captains to communicate with each other regarding paddle times.

**Old Business:**

**Team Snap and Registration:**

Linda Braun our webmaster has been busy, and done an excellent job in setting up the electronic

Waivers for the 2021. Registration is running through January 31st.

**Long Term Planning Committee:**

The Task force now have all spaces full and will start their discussions mid-year.

**New Business:**

A COVID-19 grievance has been filed by co-Captain Mary Lou Bremer- for Blackheart against Warrior’s coach Bob Kane. As this is a protocol issue the Vice President and Task Force Chair- person Mary DeFranco conducted the Hearing.

An Apology was given and accepted.

Beth Bowen made the motion. “Apology given and accepted. grievance resolved.”

John Townley 2nd.

Motion carriedt

**Tabled items.:**

1. Senior C invitational- postponed to 2022.
2. The Village regatta- postponed to late 2021.
3. A.E.D. Training Course postponed to late 2021.
4. Coordinators- Race Coordinator still needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

**Elly Olesen**

Secretary, GMDBC.