

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

General meeting May 11th. – 2021

Attendance: 41 members

Pledge and Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. And opened with the Pledge to the Allegiance.

Guests and new members:

There were no guests and new members at this meeting.

Secretary Report:

The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting and is also posted on the club website.

John Townley motioned to approve the minutes as written and Ken Johnson 2nd.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Don Glass reported the financial statement as RaeAnn Bethel was absent. The club is very strong and able to provide the support of buying 2 new boats.

Report is attached.

Katie Amyot motioned to approve report as presented and Judy Johnson 2nd. Report was approved.

President Report:

1. Cheryl Moran informed the members that there were no nominations received for President and Secretary by the close of the voting period ending May 1st.
2. The club has purchased 2 more boats. The votes from the membership showed 190 yes and 1 no.
Thanks, to Terry Elsmore for handling this major step forward for the GMDBC.
3. A meeting was called by Mr. Rohan to discuss the needs of the Dragon Boat venue south of US 44.
The meeting was attended by Cheryl Moran, Mary DeFranco and Per Olesen.
The data presented were well received.
The build out at Lake Sumter will be done and there will be no changes to Lake Miona. The plans for the south of US 44 looks very promising and exiting for the future.
4. Linda Braun has done a fantastic job with the GMDBC website. Everyone was encouraged to visit the site as a lot of information can be found there. Our club is very transparent.
5. Our Board is working diligently in following all new developments. The club is growing fast and now has 290 paid members. A very exciting time lays ahead for the club.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco thanked all members for their support during the COVID-19 Pandemic, all restrictions are now lifted. Paddling can be done without a mask.

Mary DeFranco reported. As no nominations were received for President or Secretary the board followed the BY-LAWS under Vacancies, paragraph 1. And Paragraph 2. The board voted to retain Cheryl Moran as President and Elly Olesen as Secretary for the 2021-2023 term.

New Business:

Plans are progressing for the new venue for Dragon Boating south of US 44.

Per Olesen gave a report of information now available: Cheryl Moran, Mary DeFranco and Per Olesen met with Mr. Rohan on May 11th. To discuss the needs for a Dragon Boat Venue south of US 44.

The plans are for a first-class facility with a 1000m racecourse with 4 lanes. Several issues were discussed, and further information will be forwarded. It was confirmed that Sumter Lake will continue to be used as a Dragon Boat venue, and we are looking forward to the planned improvement there.

Boat Maintenance Matters: Chuck &/or Peggy:

Chuck Coogan and Peggy Gugliano is working hard to keep up with maintenance of our many boats.

The boat covers need constant repairs, so everyone should take great care when taking them off and on.

Camp Villages:

This event is now back by popular demand. Mary DeFranco, Bob Kane, Linda Braun, John Townley and Cheryl Moran will be the Task Force for this event. The dates are June 24th. And July 15th.

Several volunteers are needed.

General meetings:

There will be no General Meetings over the Summer. The next meeting will be in October.

The Board will continue to meet every month.

Team Reports:

Blackheart: --- Stu Willner reported the team has preliminary scheduled 7 races between now and the end of the year. Several new members have joined the team.

Dirty Dozen: --- Per Olesen informed the team has been on the water since April. It is not a race team but a very social team that likes to work hard and have fun.

Paddling Patriots: --- Terry Elsmore reported the team is now back on the water. Have several new members and hope to race in the fall.

This Boat Rocks: --- Linda Braun reported the team has about 20 new members and training to maybe race at a later time. When there are paddlers on the team that wish to move on to race teams, she is

forwarding the names to the respective Captains, and the asked the Captains to contact that paddler and give them a tryout.

The Village Dragons: --- This is a Seasonal team, and their session is over until late in the year.

Warriors/Sparta 70: --- Tom Upton reported for both teams. The teams had been invited to a fun day paddle by the Nature Coast team of Homosassa May 22nd. **Military Trophy:** The teams has been approached to develop a system of Teams in the state which will bring attention to all Veterans, especially those with PTSD. **Para Athletes:** Coach Bob was on the committee that developed the SOP for Para Athletes that is now posted on the USADF website. Teams are actively recruiting para-athletes from local Veterans association. **New "D" Division:** Teams still ready to go to Canada when the Dragon Boating starts again. **Breast Cancer:** Bob Kane has developed contact with a local Breast Cancer Survival support group and a BCS Team Coach that can assist. **Camp Villages:** The teams are coordinating with the Task Force.

Silver Dragons: --- John Townley reported the team is back on the water and have many new members.

They are working hard to get ready to race in the fall.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC