

TEAM EMAIL SENT TO ALL MEMBERS IN LIEU OF BOARD MEETING NOTES. THERE WAS NO JULY IN PERSON BOARD MEETING.

OFFICERS

President- Cheryl Moran

Vice President- Mary DeFranco

Secretary - Elly Olesen

Treasurer - RaeAnn Bethel

MEMBERSHIP

Our club membership, at last count, was about 308! We are showing a growth trend.

FLEET

With the addition of 2 boats in June, our fleet is 9 dragon boats. This includes one 10 person boat and Eight 20 person boats. Chuck Coogan and his father care for our dragon boats. Peg Gugliano is keeping our boat covers sewn together. We are looking for options for new boat covers. All energies on the part of the paddlers is appreciated in care for the 9 boats. This is an "all hands on deck" effort.

SRDBA

Our Club has a membership in the SRDBA. This membership is required to participate in the Discounted Paddlesports Insurance program for General Liability, Fleet Coverage, Excess Medical Coverage, and Directors and Officers Liability Coverage. Paddlers should consider individual memberships. Individual membership is required to race in Regional and National sanctioned races for qualifications. Additionally, membership in SRDBA (Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association) supports the dragon boat sport. The annual fee is \$15 per member. Please see their website: www.srdba.org to learn more about SRDBA or ask your Team Captain.

DRAGON BOAT VENUES

A new venue for many water sports is being developed south of 44 by The Villages. It promises to be a terrific option for our sport. There is no slated completion date at this time. The Long Term Planning Task Force, headed by Per Olesen, will stay on top of developments and the impact on the club.

The Villages confirmed that the Lake Sumter Landing site will be improved for dragon boat use. It will continue to be a prime paddling spot. Please remember to allow room for the kayak boats to be moved around when storing our dragon boats.

Lake Miona remains a stable location for dragon boat sports.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our club website is www.gmdbc.teamsnap.com. The website contains Team Captain info, Lake Schedules, Lost and Found, Rules and Procedures, and Bylaws. We now have a FACEBOOK page! Linda Braun is the club Webmaster for both websites. Thanks to Linda for giving us a social media presence. Please check out the FB page and FOLLOW GMDBC. If you would like to post items regarding your team, please contact your Team Captain. We hope to post some pictures of the teams that participated in the recent Sarasota race.

RACES

Team Captains, please send your race participation information and results to Cheryl Moran and Linda Braun so that we can stay on top of what's happening with your team.

CAMP VILLAGES

Many thanks to all of those who served in the Camp Villages Paddling Events. Bob Kane led the efforts to engage our club with the young participants. Many thanks to Bob and the GMDBC Task Force for their interest and efforts. Well done! July 15, 2021 is the last of The Villages Camps for youth to experience paddling. Grab your equipment and take a look at what is happening on Lake Sumter at 8:30 am. While you may not be able to paddle in the event, it is good for our paddlers to be spectators and cheer the youth on for their final race!

MEETINGS

The Board of Directors has decided to hold the next General Membership Meeting in October. The meeting will be at Seabreeze and 6:30 pm. Your Team Captain is your main source of club information and serves as a Director on the Board.

This is an update to let you know that your Captains and Officers are working, behind the scenes, to keep our sport afloat and perpetuate the club into the future. We expect a marked season of club growth with future expansions. Take care all and see you on the water!