

**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club**  
**Board Meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>. 2021**

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Moran ----- President  
Mary DeFranco ----Vice President  
RaeAnn Bethel ----Treasurer  
Elly Olesen ---- Secretary  
Maureen Byers ---- Blackhearts  
Beth Bowen ---- Village Dragons  
John Townley ---- Silver Dragons  
Linda Braun ---- This Boat Rocks  
Julie Coleman ---- Paddling Patriots  
Terry Elsmore ---- Paddling Patriots  
Tom Upton ---- Sparta/Warriors  
Mary Wilson ---- Warriors  
Ron Perich ---- Sparta/Warriors

**Opening**

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Secretary Report**

Cheryl Moran called for approval of the Secretary Report sent out prior to the meeting by show of hands. As there were no further corrections the report was approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

RaeAnn Bethel gave a detailed report of the club's financial statement. A copy is attached.

The motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by John Townley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Elsmore. The report was approved.

The club's membership is now 342

RaeAnn Bethel also reported all Captains had sent in their TAX-forms in a timely manner.

Pat Culp was out of town, so RaeAnn Bethel informed the board that the IRS has requested all forms in the future must be filled in online. RaeAnn and Pat will work together on this matter.

As a new Treasurer is needed by the end of RaeAnn Bethel's term Captains were requested to talk with their teams and possibly come up with nominees for the next election. Raeann is willing to with the new treasurer and said the job entailed about 3-4 hours per month.

#### **President Report:**

Cheryl Moran informed the board, she is receiving several calls a week, from people interested in the sport. These prospects are referred to This Boat Rocks, as this team is the club's training camp.

Cheryl Moran called on each Captain to tell which area their new members are coming from:

1. Beth Bowen, Village Dragons is a seasonal team with 40 members. Beth did not have information where her new members are coming from currently.
2. Terry Elmore, Paddling Patriots has 50 members, about 40 are active. New members are joining by word of mouth. Several are from South of R44.
3. John Townley, Silver Dragons has 49 members. 6-8 new members are from South of R44.
4. Linda Braun, This Boat Rocks has 130 members. New Members come from newspaper ads and the website. Linda is finding several of the members are still worried about COVID-19 and not coming to practice.
5. Maureen Byers, Blackhearts has 45 members, and 5-6 new members are from South of R44.
6. Tom Upton, Warriors has 25-30 members, several are from South of R44.
7. Tom Upton, Sparta has 15 members.
8. Elly Olesen, Dirty Dozen now has 33 members, all members coming from present club teams.

Cheryl Moran shared the latest from a recent newspaper map and info regarding the New Areas of development South of R44. This was part of the information Mr. Rohan had given to Cheryl Moran, Mary DeFranco and Per Olesen at an earlier meeting.

Cheryl Moran suggested, it is now time for the Long-Term Task Force to get together and work on:

1. How to stay as one united club?
2. How many boats at each of the 3 lakes?
3. How many new boat-dollies needed and so on?

Cheryl also expressed a hope for a savings of a total of \$ 170.00 per month, as a boat house is included in the plans.

The board was informed that Mr. Rohan would be at the October General meeting.

#### **Vice President Report:**

Mary DeFranco reported on the COVID-19 situation. It is still very important to adhere to the CDC and Rec. Dept. requirements as new Cases are still accruing. John Townley reported that one of Silver Dragons paddlers recently passed away from COVID-19. (The Secretary will send a card on behalf of the club to the spouse.)

Mary DeFranco has made a schedule for the AED training. A copy is attached.

This is open to all members but require reservation ahead of time. Only 30 persons per session. This training is organized together with the Villages CERT program. The class is free, but a small donation

might be appropriate. Dates are October 21<sup>st</sup>. and November 8<sup>th</sup>. At Colony Rec. Center. The times of day are listed on the schedule attached.

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

Cheryl Moran has received a letter from Peggy Gugliano. She can no longer work on cover-repairs due severe allergies. (The Secretary will send a thank you note to Peggy for all her hard work and dedication.)

Chuck Coogan has not been able to attend for some time, therefor Cheryl Moran suggested the club move forward with the purchase of new boat covers. John Townley will lead the committee to buy the covers.

John Townley made a motion to buy 6–20-man boat covers and 1 – 10-man boat cover. A discussion was held, and Terry Elsmore amended the motion to buy 8-20 man covers and 1–10-man cover, with a cap of \$ 5,000.00. This was 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Tom Upton and approved by the board.

To find protection covers for boat locks is still in the works by Terry Elsmore. Terry has also been working on a solution for the cotter pins on the dollies wheels and seems to have found a solution.

People will not get cut when bringing the boats in.

John Townley suggested each team come up with 2 persons to help with the maintenance of the boats.

#### **Old Business:**

No report from The Long-Range Task Force. However, a meeting will be planned soon.

John Townley handed out a proposal he has made regarding the formation of new teams. Proposal attached. Beth Bowen will assist John. Proposal to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Linda Braun handed in the new and updated brochures to be used for new prospects. The cost was approximately \$55.00.

#### **New Business.**

**The October General will be attended by Mr. Rohan.**

**Please show up in force and wear your team shirt.**

**Let this be a very positive meeting. This is such an exciting time of growth for our club.**

November General Meeting will be an AED-Demo.

There will be no General meeting in December.

Tabled items are the same as last meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at @2:14pm.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Elly Olesen**

**Secretary of GMDBC**