

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

General Meeting October 12th.

Attendance: 102 members.

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. and opened with everyone joining in the Pledge of Allegiance. Cheryl also thanked the members for the great attendance.

Visitors and/or guests:

1 guest: Charlie Cocks (did not sign in so cannot check correct spelling)

Secretary Report:

The report is posted on the club's website. A motion to approve as posted was made by Chuck Stevens and 2nd. by Tom Upton. Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

RaeAnn Bethel presented the club's financial statement.

A copy is attached.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dottie Baker and 2nd. by Betty Johnson. Report approved.

Guest Speaker:

Mr. John Rohan was the evenings guest speaker.

Mr. Rohan gave a positive and energetic presentation of the New Development "New Eastport" south of R44. The planning is in stage 1 and being developed to accommodate several water sports beside Dragon Boating.

The venue will be large enough for Dragon Boating to hold Invitationals of National and International caliber. The venue will also have special seating for viewing, a hotel nearby and Restaurants. Mr. Rohan feels this will be great for our Residents as well as the commercial corporations. A permanent timeframe for opening is not available at present time.

Mr. Rohan also referred to the "Wishlist" he received in the meeting held between himself, Cheryl Moran, Mary DeFranco and Per Olesen, has all been included in the development.

Mr. Rohan informed that Lake Sumter recently was sprayed for Hydrilla grass to the extend allowed without disturbing the wildlife there.

Mr. Rohan closed his presentation by saying he and our President Cheryl Moran are working very well regarding the new venue.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran encouraged the membership to start looking for nominations for the upcoming election in 2022. A Treasurer and Vice President is needed for the club's leadership.

Cheryl announced that the next General Meeting will be in January 2022.

Our boat covers are in bad shape, and getting new ones are presently in process.

To help identify the boats in need of repair or other issues, the board has agreed to number them 1-9. Terry Elsmore will take care of this.

Mary Lou Bremer was introduced as the Boat Manager to contact, when there are issues Big or small, then relay the information to Chuck Coogan and Cheryl Moran .

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco gave a brief demonstration of the AED-Unit.

The AED training classes are all set for October and November. At the Colony Rec. Center. Mary DeFranco will send an e-mail to the membership regarding dates and times.

A copy of the e-mail is attached.

Mary has also purchased a spray can for computers to clean the locks with for sand.

New Business:

John Townley presented the final white paper on how to form a new team within our club.

The paper has been approved by the board. This is now awaiting the vote from our membership to be approved as an amendment to Grand Masters Rules and Procedures. The voting is open on the website.

A copy of the white paper is attached.

Holiday Opportunities:

RaeAnn Bethel announced she will again this year be collecting Pajamas and books for the Girls Scouts fundraiser. Red boxes will be placed throughout the Villages for collections.

Beth Bowen informed that the Village Dragons has postponed their dry food collections to January 2022.

Team Updates:

Blackheart, Mary Lou Bremer: Planning races for this fall at Turkey Lake and Hernando. They also support philanthropical projects. A copy is attached.

Dirty Dozen, Per Olesen: The team is for retired race paddlers, that still wants to work hard and play hard.

Silver Dragons, John Townley: Will race at Hernando. The team also support the Angle Tree and teaching the Dragon Boat 101 at the Enrichment Collage, the Villages.

Paddling Patriots, Terry Elsmore: Planning to race at Hernando.

This Boat Rocks, Linda Braun: A very busy team with many activities. Highlights is a Musical Bingo 10/28 for all members at a cost of \$5.00 per person. The team recently donated about \$3,000.00 to one of their philanthropical causes.

Village Dragons, Beth Bowen: The team is Seasonal, paddling M W F from 2-3pm. On Lake Sumter. Might plan 1 race.

Warriors/Sparta, Tom Upton: The teams are planning to race this fall. Tom gave a detailed report of the many causes they support. A copy is attached.

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC