

**Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club.**  
**Board Meeting November 8<sup>th</sup>. – 2021**

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Moran – President

Mary DeFranco- Vice President

Linda Braun- Webmaster- TBR

Elly Olesen- Secretary

Mary R Wilson – Warriors

John Townley – Silver Dragon

Per Olesen – Dirty Dozen

Terry Elsmore – Paddling Patriots

Tom Upton – Warriors/Sparta 70

Patsy Hedrick – Village Dragons

Pat Culp – Village Dragons

**Opening:**

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

A paper was passed out stating the Club's Mission.

“The Mission of the GMDBC of The Villages Inc. hereinafter referred to as GMDBC, or Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club, or Club shall be.

1. To promote the sport of Dragon boat paddling and racing.
2. To provide an opportunity for residents of The Villages to participate in the sport of dragon boating
3. To provide a framework of rules for club members and teams that ensure fairness and good sportsmanship in participation and competition.”

**Secretary Report:**

Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. Motion to approve as posted was made by John Townley and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Mary DeFranco. Report approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

As RaeAnn Bethel was absent it was decided to review the report at the next board meeting. A copy of the financial Statement is attached.

Pat Culp reported the annual Tax Return papers is in progress. RaeAnn Bethel as Treasurer or another officer will sign the final Tax Return papers before submitting to IRS.

RaeAnn and Pat has spent many hours working on the Tax papers and the club thanks both of you for your dedication in working on the report.

Terry Elsmore made a motion to hire a CPA to file the Club's Tax returns in the future. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by John Townley. Motion approved.

Club membership is now at 367

**President Report:**

Cheryl Moran reported on behalf of RaeAnn Bethel, the Girl Scout's Service program of collecting Pajamas and books has now placed 'RED" boxes throughout the Villages for donations.

Cheryl Moran requested teams racing in Hernando forward to her their results, She will then forward the information to The Daily Sun News Paper.

**Vice President Report:**

Mary DeFranco reported on the very successful AED Training, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The November 18<sup>th</sup>. AED Training is at capacity but has been allowed to accommodate 5 extra persons.

Mary DeFranco emphasized the importance of Captains inform team members, where the AED unit is located. She will be checking on a regular interval that the Pads on the AED are in working order. Pads expire every 2 years, and the cost of Pad-replacements are the club's responsibility.

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

1. John Townley reported the new boat covers are in the works. The finished covers could be 2-3 months out.
2. Terry Elsmore has looked at the Dragon Sisters boat covers to see how they were made.
3. TBR fixed the broken axel on a boat at Sumter. Thank you so much.
4. Terry Elsmore has now numbered the boats at Miona and Sumter. He will need access to the boats in the Allamanda Storage unit to number the rest. Terry will contact Chuck Coogan as he has the access card.
5. It was brought to the attention, that the boats at Sumter need to leave more space for the Kayaks.
6. Rohan will bring more sand to the Sumter boat area.
7. Mary Lou Bremer will be asked to purchase more airhorns for the boats.
8. Tom Upton reported the outside of the boats at Miona are clean.
9. Chuck Coogan will clean the outside of the boats on Sumter
10. Mary DeFranco informed the in-boat safety step ropes were missing.  
Terry Elsmore will replace the missing safety ropes on the boats at Lake Sumter.

**Old Business:**

Long Term Planning Committee had no report at present time.

The voting on formation of protocol for forming a new team within the club is closed. 60 members voted and all voted yes. The protocol approved.

“The Original” must be signed by the Secretary of GMDBC.

**New Business:**

Cheryl Moran informed the board that the December board meeting will be in the format of a Newsletter. A special meeting could be called if needed.

The January General meetings program will be a History-Time line of the Club.

A discussion was held regarding how a Captain could handle a difficult team situation.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:13 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Elly Olesen**

**Secretary of GMDBC**