

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
Board Meeting January 10th. – 2022.

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran ----- President
Mary DeFranco ----- Vice President
ReaAnn Bethel ----- Treasurer
Elly Olesen ----- Secretary
Mary R Wilson ----- Warriors
Beth Bowen ----- Village Dragons
John Townley ----- Silver Dragons
Linda Braun ----- This Boat Rocks
Per Olesen ----- Dirty Dozen
Don Glass ----- Paddling Patriots
Mary Lou Bremer ----- Blackheart
Tom Upton ----- Warriors/Sparta 70

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Secretary Report: Minutes were sent out prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve as written was made by John Townley and 2nd.by RaeAnn Bethel.

Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

RaeAnn Bethel presented the monthly financial statement, and it was approved by the board.

RaeAnn Bethel informed the board, that the club Tax>Returns were filed on time and accepted. This has been a lot of work for RaeAnn and Pat Culp. It was decided that a CPA company should complete the forms next time.

The board decided to postpone the budget meeting until the month of March – 2022.

Club membership is now 371.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran expressed hope for a very successful Food Drive by the Village Dragons and that all teams would participate.

The General meeting's speaker Tuesday 1/11/2022 will be Elly Olesen, doing a Time-Line History of the growth of the Club.

Cheryl Moran encouraged all club members to be enrolled in the USDBF and SRDBA. These two organizations are very important to the Dragon Boat Community, as they promote the sport, Festivals, education, etc.

Our Club is a member SRDBA and pay a \$300.00 yearly membership fee. If enough of our members sign up, this fee will be returned to the club.

USDBF membership fee is \$50.00, SRDBA membership fee is \$15.00.

If a paddler wishes to race in one of the sanctioned races, the membership is mandatory.

The Club Crew Championship will be held in Sarasota, Florida this year.

At this time The Blackhearts is the only club-team interested in racing there.

Cheryl Moran informed, she has asked Bob Ricks of Blackheart to say a few words about USDBF at the general meeting. Bob Ricks is Vice President of USDBF.

The Club Insurance has been renewed and paid \$ 1,289.00. Some changes have been made but keeping the insurance as it is, will save the club. Cheryl will send a copy to all captains to have on file.

The club is still looking for nominees for Vice President and Treasurer. All nominees should be sent to Cheryl Moran.

Don Glass asked for clarification of what the insurance covered. Cheryl Moran responded "The insurance is a Liability insurance, not a personal injury insurance. Each paddler must assume their own responsibility. The insurance does not cover any COVID related issues."

When a new paddler joins the club the fee and forms are given to RaeAnn Bethel, when registered by her the information is given to Linda Braun, our Webmaster to be entered to the club roster.

RaeAnn Bethel passed out a white paper on registration, a copy is attached.

If a paddler leaves one team to join another all captains must be notified.

Dates for cleaning up team rosters is: 1/14 – 1/31 -2022.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco reported the AED classes held in October and November were well received, and another class in the future is a possibility. Mary was asking for volunteers for the CERT disaster training event January 29th. Copy of her report is attached.

Boat Maintenance and/or lake matters:

John Townley reported the boat covers are in progress but no update this time.

A Parking problem at Lake Miona was solved by Warriors moving their practice time to 10 -11 am.

Mary DeFranco inquired to the whereabouts of the Safety Ropes inside the boats. These should be attached to seat 5 in each boat.

A fresh load of sand was delivered to Lake Sumter boat Launch area. Linda Braun and the TBR team was a great help in moving the boats around. Thank you to Linda and TBR for always going beyond requirements.

The new sand has made it hard to return the boats to shore. Cheryl Moran will approach the REC. DEPT.

A problem related to having 3 boats at Lake Miona were solved by locating the contract between GMDBC and Sumter County stating the 3 boats are allowed.

Old Business:

Long Term Planning did not have a report currently.

New Business:

The Annual Registration is now in process and will end February 1st. 2022.

South of R44 Expo:

A request was made for the club to participate in the South of R44 Expo by Nadia Whittaker, CPRP, Recreation Area Manager. The board decided the club at this time is not in position to take the influx of new members, as we approach 400 in membership.

Next board meeting will be held at the pavilion by the Radio Station at Sumter Landing February 14th.

Next general meeting will be March 8th.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC.