

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
General Meeting January 11th. -2022

Attendance:

A total of 82 members and guests attended the meeting.

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests:

Lisa Perma -----Paddling Patriots

Connie Martin ----- Blackheart

Valeta Brown -----Sparta/Warriors

Secretary Report:

Report was sent out prior to the meeting and can be found on the club website.

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Motion to approve as posted made by Sharon Cane 2nd. by Rose Marie Batts. Approved.

Treasurer Report:

Dave Bethel gave the financial report on behalf of RaeAnn Bethel. Motion to approve report as presented done by John Townley 2nd. by Rita Girou, approved. Report attached.

Cheryl Moran informed the membership the Annual Taxes were filed on time and accepted.

We thank RaeAnn Bethel and Pat Culp for all their hard work. The board have decided and approved a CPA company should complete the TAX forms next time.

The club membership is now 371.

President report:

Cheryl Moran announced the next general meeting will be held on March 8th.

The membership was encouraged to find nominees for the next election starting in April – 2022.

The positions to be voted on are, Vice President and Treasurer. All nominees should be sent to Cheryl Moran.

Boat covers are in desperate need of replacement. Task Force Chair John Townley informed this is in process but did not have an update at this time.

Mary Lou Bremer was introduced as the Boat Manager Liaison.

The issue of parking at Lake Miona have been resolved by Warriors/Sparta moving their practice time to 10am. Thank you for your flexibility.

Having 3 boats at Lake Miona has been cleared with Sumter County. All is good.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco thanked all the members that attended the AED classes in October and November. The classes were led by The Villages CERT. Mary is a member of CERT and asked for volunteers for their Disaster Training Event January 29th. A copy of her report is attached.

Mary DeFranco is also the club's safety officer. She requested the safe ropes in the boat be put back in place. They should be attached to seat 5 in all boats.

New Business:

The Annual Registration is ongoing and ending February 1st.

The registration is to be done electronic, and the payments to be made to the team of which the paddler consider their primary team.

A great big thank you goes out to Linda Braun (webmaster) for having all forms and info up on the club website so quickly.

SRDBA / USDBF are governing bodies of the USA Dragon Boat Communities.

Bob Ricks gave a short explanation of the importance of the two organizations. Encouraged members to join and support their work and events. Individual cost is, USDBF is \$50.00 and SRDBA is \$15.00.

However, Bob Ricks mentioned if a team or a person is not interested in racing, they do not need to worry about these memberships.

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

Blackheart is the only GMDBC team registered for the race in Sarasota.

Village Dragons:

Beth Bowen thanked the membership for participating in their food drive. They filled 2 SUV cars with donated food and received many check donations.

Evenings Speaker:

Elly Olesen presented a Time-Line History of the growth of the club going back to 2006.

Refreshments for the evening were provided by The Warriors / Sparta. Thank you.

Due limited time no team reports were made.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen/Secretary of GMDBC

