

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting February 14th. -2022

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran- President

Mary DeFranco- Vice President

RaeAnn Bethel- Treasurer

Elly Olesen- Secretary

Blackheart- none

Dirty Dozen- Per Olesen

Paddling Patriots- Terry Elsmore

Silver Dragons- John Townley

Sparta 70- Tom Upton / Ron Perish

This Boat Rocks – Mary DeFranco

Villages Dragons- Beth Bowen

Leathernecks Warriors- Mary Wilson / Tom Upton

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Due to Canal St. Rec. Center being closed the meeting was held at Lake Sumter by the pavilion near the Radio Station. Cheryl thanked everyone for coming on this very cool and windy afternoon.

Secretary Report:

The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting and is posted on GMDBC's website. The Board approved the minutes as posted by the raising of hands. Report was approved.

Treasurer Report:

RaeAnn Bethel presented the monthly financial report. The board voted by raise of hands to approve the financials as presented. Report approved. A copy is attached.-

RaeAnn Bethel also presented the complete end of year Budget and passed out a white paper covering the Budget 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021. The Budget meeting regarding the fair share return to teams was postponed to June 2022. A copy of the Budget is attached.

The registration of memberships electronically is now closed, and all captains must now register all new and old members by paper.

All monies must be turned into RaeAnn Bethel.

Linda Braun has sent out a complete list of all members that registered electronically to Captains. Captains were informed they can find the list on Team Snap in case they did not receive the list via e-mail.

The club membership is now 391

President Report:

Cheryl Moran reported that she and Per Olesen recently had a very productive meeting with Mr. Rohan. They were informed that the venue south of R44 is moving forward fast. Detailed report can be found under "Long Term Planning report" in these Minutes.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco informed the board that there was no new development regarding the Covid -19, and all is moving forward without problems.

Boat Maintenance and/or Lake matters:

Cheryl Moran reported the 10 man boat is now at Lake Miona and being used by the teams paddling there.

John Townley informed the board that 1 boat cover has been received. However, the cover turned out to be about 1 ft. short and will be returned for correction. Cheryl Moran requested John ask that the covers be double stitched.

Terry Elsmore was told to start building the PVC frames the covers would be placed over. Terry was also asked to complete the pin-covers on the trailer wheels.

The work on the pumphouse at Lake Sumter is completed. And a fresh lawyer of sand has been put down.

Old Business:

Long term planning committee:

Per Olesen reported he and Cheryl Moran had a meeting with Mr. Rohan regarding the clubs' wish list for the new venue south of Rt.44. Rohan stated he has all the info he needs to make a race course capable of having National and World class races.

Mr. Rohan asked for information regarding the size for a boathouse and its storage needs. A sketch of a building with ample room for 3 boats and storage, including water and electricity has been forwarded. There will be ample of parking spaces and bathrooms as well as a dock large enough to accommodate 4 boats.

Cheryl Moran will try to contact Mr. Rohan regarding putting the marine mats down at Lake Sumter, as the sand is not a good solution.

New Business:

GMDBC next general meeting is moved to the Month of May.

Club activity for 2022.

Terry Elsmore will investigate the possibility of a club Picnic to be catered by Oakwood Barbeque. It would be held either in the month of June or September with a charge per person (price unknown currently)

Bob Kane Has sent a message on Team Snap:

“The Leatherneck Warriors would like to invite all Grand Masters Club teams to participate in a duel meet on Saturday mornings at 8:45am. During the month of March. It will be fun, and we will supply refreshments. It will provide racing stimulation and experience for new paddlers to meet their fellow club members.”

Please contact Bob Kane if you are interested in this fun challenge at: jkane1213@yahoo.com or 352-391-5164

Special note:

A letter of thank you have been received from the Wildwood Soup Kitchen, for the donations from the club and The Village Dragons.

Tabled items:

Same as previously noted.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:49pm.

Respectfully submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC.