

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting April 11th. – 2022

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran – President

Mary DeFranco – Vice President

RaeAnn Bethel – Treasurer

Elly Olesen – Secretary

Mary Lou Bremer – Blackheart

Per Olesen – Dirty Dozen

Terry Elsmore – Patriots

John Townley – Silver Dragon

Linda Braun – This Boat Rocks

Ron Perich – Leatherneck Warriors

Tom Upton – Sparta 70

Beth Bowen – Village Dragons

Guests of Tom Upton:

Shelby Imus – Warriors, Ken Davis – Warriors, Angela Davis – Warriors.

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Cheryl shared the detailed map from The Daily Sun of the new development “Eastport” and “Central Lake”. Cheryl informed the board that the club is actively working with the Recreation Department in the planning of the Eastport development which will be breaking ground shortly.

Secretary Report:

Report was sent out prior to the meeting. A motion to approve Secretary’s report as posted was made by John Townley and 2nd by Mary DeFranco. Report approved.

Elly Olesen reported that this is the year for election of Vice President and Treasurer. The nomination period is running from April 1st through April 30th.

Currently there are 2 nominees for Vice President and 2 nominees for Treasurer.

The nominees are: For Vice President 1) Mary DeFranco 2) Stephen Printz

The Nominees are: For Treasurer 1) Ashleigh Heidelberg 2) Steve Augustine

Treasurer Report:

RaeAnn Bethel presented the club's monthly financial statement. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Mary DeFranco and 2nd, by Per Olesen. Report approved.

A copy is attached.

Club membership has grown to 335.

President Report:

1. Cheryl Moran confirmed the approval from the Rec. Dept. of Paddling Patriots time on Lake Sumter for Friday mornings from 8-9am.
2. The Rec. Dept. has requested the Dragon Boats give the morning fishing boat more space.
3. Cheryl Moran informed the board that Beth Bowen's husband had passed away.
4. Beth Bowen gave information to the board regarding the services planned for her husband on Sunday April 24th at Savanna from 6-8pm. Beth invited everyone to attend. Snacks and dessert will be available.
5. A discussion was held as the services coincide with the club picnic. Terry Elsmore suggested we shorten the picnic. By raise of hands it was approved to shorten the picnic at Sea Breeze from 3-7pm to 3-5pm. This will give ample time for anyone that would like to join the service for Beth's husband.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco, also the club Safety Chair, requested proper entry and exits from our boats when at the dock to be followed. Seats, paddles and water bottles should not be placed on the dock while exiting.

The safest way to exit is for someone to hold the paddler's equipment while exiting and then give it back when the person leaving the dock.

Boat Maintenance and / or Lake matters:

John Townley confirmed the club now has 1 new boat cover. The cover has also been double stitched for stronger wear. Currently the price for the double stitching is not available. The remaining 5 covers are still pending.

Terry Elsmore reported he and Dave Bethel has been working several hours on getting the frame for the boat covers. The cost of the frames could possibly run about \$275 - \$300 per frame. A note of thanks will be sent from the club to Dave Bethel for his dedication to this project.

Old Business:

Long Term Planning Committee: Per Olesen reported he and Cheryl Moran had a very positive and productive meeting with Mr. Rohan regarding the new venue for Dragon Boating at Eastport.

The Boathouse will have ample room for 3 boats on dollies, shelves for storage, a winch for hauling the boats to shore, plenty of parking and electricity, water and plenty of bathrooms.

The venue will be large enough to hold large scale Dragon Boat events.

Cheryl Moran and Per Olesen was informed that the Villages would purchase the boats and dollies.

The long-term committee is currently working with the Rec. Dept. regarding equipment needed.

New Teams:

Cheryl Moran reported the club has an opportunity to form a Breast Cancer Survivor team and volunteers are needed.

Club Picnic:

Terry Elmore reported the club picnic is now scheduled for April 24th. from 3-5pm. (original planned for 3-7pm.) at the Sea Breeze Pavilion. Captains must tell their crew and forward Terry the list of participants and the side dish they plan to bring no later than April 20th.

Terry's phone number is: 785-556-4377

This is a potluck and there will be grilled hot dogs.

Please bring your own drinks.

New Business:

The Villages Sales Department is planning a team building Dragon Boat event for May 4th with 30 of their staff members starting at 5 pm.

Mary DeFranco is the chairperson for this event and is working closely with Helen Mayies, the representative from the sales department. Equipment will be provided by TBR, and our Ground school will be done by Elly Olesen.

Waivers should be signed ahead of the event.

The Village's Rec. Dept. also wishes to hold a paddle event. Currently no date for this is available.

Camp Villages Dragon Boat event does not currently have a date.

General meeting for May 10-2022:

Cheryl Moran asked Tom Upton if it would be possible to have the Honor Guard present at the May General meeting. Tom Upton said he would contact Dennis Faillo and let Cheryl know.

Linda Braun reported that Kenny Kay was interested in having a weekly afternoon social paddle and was asking if anyone would be interested in Wednesday afternoons. No discussion was made at this time.

It was discussed that guest paddlers should leave their Drivers License as a deposit for equipment borrowed. No conclusion made.

Tabled Items:

- 1.Senior C invitational event postponed to 2023
- 2.Village Regatta postponed to 2023
- 3.Race coordinator still needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC

