

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting May 9th. – 2022

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran -----President
Mary DeFranco ----- Vice President
Elly Olesen ----- Secretary
Mary Lou Bremer----- Blackheart
Per Olesen -----Dirty Dozen
Julie Coleman -----Paddling Patriots
Tom Upton ----- Leatherneck Warriors
John Townley ----- Silver Dragons
Ron Perich ----- Sparta 70
Pat Culp ----- Village Dragons.
Linda Braun ----- This Boat Rocks
Patsy Hedrick ----- Village Dragons
Steve Augustine ----- Village Dragons

Guest:

Doug Johnson /guest of Tom Upton

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Secretary Report:

The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. There were no corrections. Cheryl Moran called for a motion. John Townley made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Tom Upton seconded the minutes. Approved.

Elly Olesen reported the nominee Ashleigh Heidelberg had withdrawn her nomination for Treasurer.

Steven Augustine has accepted his nomination as Treasurer.

There are two nominees for Vice President, and both have accepted their nominations.

1. Mary DeFranco.
2. Stephen Printz.

Voting will begin after the General meeting May 10th. and end May 31st.

Treasurer Report:

In RaeAnn's absence Elly Olesen read the financial statement submitted by RaeAnn Bethel. Motion to approve report as written was made by Mary DeFranco and seconded by Pat Culp. Report approved.

A copy is attached.

Membership now at 341

Cheryl Moran reported the insurance for 8 boats and trailers is upcoming in the amount of \$2,636.00

President Report:

Cheryl Moran thanked the board and members for all the tasks that has been completed since the last meeting and the list is long.

Boat Covers and cages--. Long Range Planning. --- Website Management. --- Sales Dept. Paddle.

Picnic. ---Insurance matter. --- Captains duties. ---Coach duties. --- Safety tasks.

This shows sign of great support to the mission of the club promoting Dragon Boating.

Cheryl Moran reminded the board of who can and cannot paddle on Lake Sumter.

1. Only Village residents with the green membership card and the Lifestyle guests with the white guest card can paddle on Lake Sumter.
2. Guests holding Rental ID cards and regular guest ID must paddle with teams on Lake Miona.
3. All guests have a 3-time try-out period for free, after that they must decide to join a team.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco asked to defer her report to the Old Business section, under Sales Dept. Paddle.

Boat Maintenance and / or Lake Matters:

1. John Townlet advised that all covers have now been ordered and are in process of being made. The new covers are all double stitched for extra strength.
2. Julie Coleman advised that all cages to secure the boat covers over are done.
3. The grass collecting by the boat launch area is creating a problem in getting the boats in and out of the water. The area needs to be cleaned. Cheryl Moran will find out what can be done to ease the issue of boats getting stuck in sand and the grass.

Old Business:

Mary DeFranco reported the Sales Dept.'s Team Building paddle was a great success. After the Sales Dept. finished with a 3-boat race, they invited the volunteers to join them in their after party at The Waterfront Inn. This was very generous of the Sales Dept. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The sales dept. had 30 participants signed up and 19 showed.

Mary thanked all volunteers that helped. A special thank you went to the Blackhearts, Paddling Patriots, and This Boat Rocks, as they showed up in force.

Total volunteers: 24 paddlers – 6 steers people and 5 ground school helpers.

Cheryl Moran thanked Mary DeFranco for a well-run event.

Mary also reported she is very pleased all paddlers are now following the safety procedures in getting in and out of the boats.

Long Term Planning committee:

Per Olesen reported the task force recently had a meeting to produce a list of equipment requested by Mr. Rohan for the 3 boats The Villages will be buying. The list included 30 carbon paddles, 30 vests, drummer seats, heads and tails for the boats.

New Teams:

Cheryl Moran reported that Gerri Battaglia of Blackheart is interested in forming a Breast Cancer survivor team.

New Business:

1. A Rec.Dept. paddle event is upcoming possible in October 2022
2. Camp Villages will this year be held June 21st. and July 12th. Bob Kane will again this year be the chair for the events.
3. Tom Upton announced the Medals given out has become kind of expensive and could run as high as \$500.00.
4. John Townley made motion to allow for \$500.00 to be spent on medals. This was seconded by Per Olesen. Motion approved.
5. Cheryl Moran and Linda Braun are working on a Media report.

Other Items:

The General meeting is May 10th. and the Honor Guard will be present.

Julie Coleman made motion to cancel General Meetings for the Summer and reconvene in October - 2022. This was seconded by Per Olesen and approved.

Mary will then cancel the club's room reservations unless a team wish to use the space. Please let Mary know in advance.

Tabled items:

Senior Invitational – Postponed to 2023. ----- Village Regatta – Postponed to 2023.

A Race Coordinator is still needed.

As always, a very active club, ready for new adventures.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC