

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

General Meeting May 10-2022

Attendance:

A total of 57 members and guests were present.

The Honor Guard was present for the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The meeting was opened by acknowledging all Veterans present and thanked them for their service to our Country.

Guests:

Nancy Cox and Shelly Rockey

Secretary Report:

The minutes were posted on the website prior to the meeting. Motion to approve minutes as posted was made by Tom Upton and seconded by Karen Ness. Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

RaeAnn Bethel presented the financial statement. A copy is attached.

Motion to approve Treasurer Report was made by Tom Upton and seconded John Townley

Membership is now at 341.

As this was Raeann's last general meeting. Cheryl Moran presented her with gift as thank you for her many years of service to our club as Treasurer.

RaeAnn Bethel thanked everyone for making her job easy by all Captains cooperating in the Treasurer Procedures. RaeAnn has served under 6 Presidents. Thank you RaeAnn for your dedication.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran did a special recognition of all Leadership members and announced the next general meeting will be October 11th.

Boat covers are almost completed and the cages to place the covers over are done. Thank you to John Townley's and Terry Elsmore's tasks forces. Jobs very well done.

Camp Villages will be held on June 21 and July 12 on Lake Sumter. Bob Kane is again this year the chair for this Event. Purchase of Medals for the event has been approved by the board.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco thanked the membership for following all implemented safety rules regarding entering the boats as well as exiting the boats.

Mary DeFranco reported on the Villages Sales Dept. paddle event. Out of 30 members from the sales department 19 showed up.

There were a total of 24 paddlers from the GMDBC as well as 6 Steer persons and 5 ground school helpers who volunteered from the club. A special thank you went to the Blackhearts, Paddling Patriots and This Boat Rocks as they showed up in great numbers to help.

The event culminated in a 3- boat race and an after party at the Waterfront Inn.

As this meeting was the last of Mary DiFranco's 2-year term Cheryl Moran also presented Mary with a gift of thank you in appreciation for her dedication to the club.

Long Term Planning Report:

Per Olesen gave an extensive report on the new lake venue development and the tasks force work. The dig-out of the new lake is underway and can be followed on YouTube. Per reported that the Villages will be buying 3 boats and equipment for up to 30 paddlers.

New Business:

This year's officers are up for election; the Treasurer and the Vice President.

1. For Treasurer the nominee 2022 is Steve Augustine from The Village Dragons.

For Vice President there are 2 nominees.

1/ Mary DeFranco from This Boat Rocks/ Village Dragons.

2/ Stephen Printz from Dirty Dozen/ Silver Dragons.

All 3 candidates were given an opportunity to interduce themselves to the membership and express why they would be right for the positions they were nominated for, and why we should vote for them.

The voting period is now active and will close May 31st. So please go to Team Snap and vote.

Linda Braun has done a super job in setting up the electronic voting on Team Snap. Thank you Linda for everything you do.

Other items:

Chuck Coogan announced he will be doing an inventory of the club's assets soon.

Captains Reports:

All Captains were very excited that 2022 has brought back Dragon Boat Racing events.

Bob Ricks --- Blackhearts --- Reported on their Hernando, Inverness and soon their Sarasota races.

John Townley --- Silver Dragons reported on Hernando, Inverness races, they will also continue to the 101 Dragon Boat course at the learning Academy.

Linda Braun --- This Boat Rocks reported on Hernando, and expressed interest in having a TBR Alumni Evening sometime in September.

Patsy Hedrick --- Village Dragons reported the team is a Seasonal team operating October through April.

On behalf of Beth Bowen Patsy Hedrick thanked the membership for their support to her after her husband's passing.

Per Olesen --- Dirty Dozen, reported the team is for retired race paddlers wishing to work hard on the water.

Terry Elsmore --- Paddling Patriots, reported the team motto is "Fun-Fitness-and friendship" The team might later return to racing

Tom Upton --- Warriors and Sparta 70, reported they were racing in Inverness, Clermont and Tampa.

Later also in Sarasota. They are still working on forming a division D

The team continue to do many fundraisers such as Music Bingo, Bowling Marathon, and work also with project Shoe Box. At the Inverness race the team did an exhibition race of all Veteran paddlers. They hope to do the same at the Sarasota race

As it was Cheryl Moran's Birthday the members closed the meeting by singing Happy Birthday to Cheryl.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC