

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting June 13, 2022

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran ----- President

Mary DeFranco ----- Vice President

Elly Olesen ----- Secretary

Mary Lou Bremer ----- Blackheart

Bob Ricks ----- Blackheart

Per Olesen ----- Dirty Dozen

Mary Wilson -----Leatherneck-Warriors

John Townley ----- Silver Dragons

Tom Upton ----- Sparta 70

Linda Braun ----- This Boat Rocks

Pat Culp ----- Village Dragons

Guest:

Gail Long ----- Leatherneck-Warriors

Opening:

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

Secretary Report:

Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. No corrections. John Townley made motion to approve report as posted. Mary DeFranco seconded. Report approved.

Election:

Elly Olesen reported the results of the election for Vice President and Treasurer.

A total of 174 members voted. 135 voted for Mary DeFranco (Vice President)

167 voted for Steve Augustine (Treasurer)

38 voted for Stephen Printz (Vice President)

The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are effective July 1st, 2022 for a 2-year period.

Congratulation to Mary DeFranco and Steve Augustine.

Treasurer Report:

In the absence of Treasurer RaeAnn Bethel, Elly Olesen read the financial statement for the month of May 2022. A motion to approve report as written was made by Mary DeFranco and seconded by Per Olesen. Report approved. A copy is attached.

A copy of RaeAnn Bethel's recommendation for the Fair Share Refund was given to all board members to read and discuss. A discussion was held and in the process a question regarding the IRS came up. The board asked for motion to investigate. Motion to postpone the Budget meeting and Fair Share Refund until August was made by Mary DeFranco and seconded by Elly Olesen. Motion approved.

Membership is now 345

President Report:

Cheryl Moran responded to questions regarding non-Villagers paddling on GMDBC boats. Tom Upton Inquired regarding non-Villagers on Sparta 70 and the Veterans team. This is allowed for international races, if the teams are registered and paid for in advance. However, this will be treated as a one-time event and non-Villagers are not allowed to continue regular paddling.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco did not have a report at present time.

Boat Maintenance and/or Lake Matters.

John Townley reported 3 boat covers are now complete and in use. The cover with incorrect length has been corrected. It was decided to continue with the remaining covers to be made. John will check when they can be expected to be finished. John will also check with Terry Elsmore regarding the cages for the covers to rest on.

Mary Lou Bremer reported grass again is growing at the boat area. Through discussion the captains agreed to take care of minor issues, such as grass, themselves instead of making them a board issue. Cheryl Moran informed that Mr. Rohan was upset regarding the previous condition of the boat area. New sand has been brought in. The Marine mats are ordered but are on back order.

As the club's tools stored under the bench have disappeared it was decided to buy a new rake and pitchfork. For security the tools should now be stored in one of the boats. Linda Braun offered to buy the new tools (thank you).

Chuck Coogan will be bringing the tools from the storage to the boats.

Old Business:

Per Olesen did not have a report from the Long-Term Task Force at present time.

Camp Villages 2022:

Bob Kane is again chair for this event. The dates are June 21st. and July 12th. Tom Upton gave a white paper to everyone regarding the need and procedures for the event. Warriors and This Boat Rocks will provide the equipment. Linda Braun is making an inventory of how much is needed.

New Business:

Cheryl Moran will investigate if our club continues to have a corporate gym membership now that MVP has been sold and has new owners.

Linda Braun reported she has received a request for a team building event from the coach of the Villages High School girls Soccer team. Cheryl Moran will find out if this possible, as such an event must go through the Rec.Dept. with approval of Mr. Rohan.

Special Report:**Board of County Commissioners, Sumter County, Florida**

A letter to the 3 Dragon Boats entities storing boats and equipment at Lake Miona stated that this is no longer allowed. This will take effect September 30th. 2022.

John Townley provided a copy of the letter, which is attached.

Mary DeFranco and John Townley will go to the next town meeting and plead our case for continuing to store our equipment at Lake Miona.

Mary DeFranco brought a complete list of hours available at Lake Sumter and Lake Miona.

In case this situation cannot be resolved Cheryl Moran will contact Mr. Rohan to see if more hours are available for teams on Lake Sumter until the East Port Lake is opened.

Tabled Items:

Senior C Invitational Event -Postponed until 2023.

The Village Regatta – Postponed until 2023.

Race Coordinator needed.

Rec. Dept. team building event – Postponed to October 2022.

The next General Meeting is October 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary.