

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
Board Meeting August 8th – 2022

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran ----- President

Steve Augustine ----- Treasurer

Elly Olesen ----- Secretary

Bob Ricks ----- Blackheart

Per Olesen ----- Dirty Dozen

Terry Elsmore ----- Paddling Patriots

John Townley ----- Silver Dragons

Tom Upton ----- Sparta 70 / Leathernecks Warriors

Linda Braun ----- This Boat Rocks

Beth Bowen ----- Village Dragons

Opening: Cheryl Moran called meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Secretary Report:

Elly Olesen reported the minutes were send out prior to the meeting and no corrections were made.

Motion to approve minutes as written was made by Tom Upton and seconded by Steve Augustine.

Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

Steve Augustine presented the July Financial Statement. Motion to approve as presented was made by John Townley and seconded by Beth Bowen. Report approved. A copy is attached.

The club's active membership is now 353.

In preparation for filing the yearly tax papers, Steve Augustine handed out a complete list of the club's present inventory. Steve also advised this list was not a valuation list of inventories, merely a list of inventory items.

Steve also informed the board he has contacted 2 separate entities regarding filing the club's tax forms. There was no conclusion at present time.

The change of names with the State SunBiz is still pending and holding up the re-registration of our trailer for boat transport.

After discussion it was decided to postpone the Budget meeting as there were many uncertainties regarding club expenses. Terry Elsmore made the motion to wait until January 2023, this was seconded by John Townley, motion approved.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran reported a possibility of selling some of our boats in storage. A discussion was held. However, no conclusion to this at present time.

After discussion the board decided to leave the fair share for boat usage as is for now.

Cheryl Moran informed the board that GMDBC is in contract with the Rec. Dept. regarding hours allotted on Lake Sumter. **LAKE SUMTER OPENS AT 8AM.** Boats on the water earlier is not permitted per Mr. Rohan.

Cheryl Moran explained to the board the coverage of the Directors and Officers Liability insurance. A "Medical excess policy" covering accidents needing medical attention is also included. Cheryl also informed the board that all incident reports must go to Mary DeFranco. Mary will then forward pertinent information to all captains. No personal information should be included such as date of birth, address etc. Forms for filing incident reports can be obtained at any Rec. Center.

Boat Maintenance and/or Lake Matter:

John Townley reported all boat covers have been received and are working well.

Some minor corrections must be made to the PVC pipes used supporting the covers as the heat seems to soften the pipes and bend them. Terry Elsmore is working on possibly strengthening the pipes with a metal tube.

Chuck Coogan has offered to take the old covers to his sister for total repairs. The club would then be able to have extra covers if needed.

The rake and pitchfork are now being stored in one of the boats at Lake Sumter.

Old Business:

Long Term Committee: Per Olesen reported that the digging of the new venue has not started and therefor no new information at present time.

Soccer Team: There was no information forthcoming regarding the Soccer teams request to have a team building paddle event at present time.

Newcomers add: Beth Bowen reported an ad to promote Dragon Boating in the Villages has now been placed with the Villages Newcomers Magazine. A copy of the ad is attached.

New Business:

Linda Braun reported she has received a request for helping to form a Dragon Boat Club at Lake Beresford in DeLand, Florida. This request was made by Mr. John Gentile, who owns a marina there. A discussion was had, and a task force of Linda Braun, Beth Bowen and John Townley was formed to further explore this request.

Tabled Items:

- 1.Senior C Invitational Event, Postponed to 2023.

2. Village Regatta, postponed to 2023.
3. Race Coordinator is needed.
4. Rec. Dept. Paddle – October 2022.
5. Next General meeting October 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:06pm

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC