

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
General Meeting November 15th. -2022

Attendance:

90 members and guests.

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Cheryl Moran.

Visitors and Guests:

2 guests were present: Jill Riley and husband. They will be joining the Eastport Sun Dragons race team.

3 visitors were present but did not leave info.

Secretary Report:

Minutes from the last General Meeting was sent out in May-2022. Elly Olesen asked for motion to approve. RaeAnn Bethel made motion to approve. Beth Bowen 2nd. Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

Steve Augustine presented the financial statement and announced the club membership now stands at 384.

Motion to approve as presented was made by Ron Lopez and Chuck Stevens 2nd. Report approved.

A copy is attached.

Steve Augustine informed the membership the Club's Tax return has been filed. The Villages Tax Services was used.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran announced the next General Meeting will be January 10th. – 2023.

A Leadership recognition was called by Cheryl Moran of every entity working on the behalf of the club. At the end everyone in the room were standing and applauding each other. This proves everyone is part of what happens in the club and develops camaraderie and goodwill.

All 20-man boat covers are now completed including the frames to hold the covers. Only the cover for the 10-man boat remains to be done. John Townley will be completing this task, as the cover has already been approved by the board.

Cheryl Moran informed the membership that it is the duty of the teams to keep the landing area at Lake Sumter clean of debris.

Cheryl Moran welcomed and congratulated Eastport Sun Dragons. The club is very excited of their approval and every team is looking forward to work with them.

For the Records let it be known that Eastport Sun Dragons application for full membership in the GMDBC has been ratified effective 10-24-2022, by unanimous vote.

Shelby Imus is Captain.

Angela Davis is Co-Captain.

Lynn Maready is Coach'

Gail Long is Team Treasurer.

Pajama Drive: RaeAnn Bethel reported on the Girl Scout Alumnae yearly pajama and book fundraiser. Boxes are placed in all Rec. Centers for drop off donations. Organization is a Zero administration volunteer group. They deliver gifts to over 6,000 children of all ages, in Lake, Marion, and Sumter County. The deadline for donations is December 12th. RaeAnn thanked the Blackheart for their generous donation of \$1,800,00. The Girl Scout Alumina has been ongoing for 14 years.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco gave a detailed Review of the club's safety procedure. Mary emphasized of the importance of hydration when paddling. Mary DeFranco also reported several of the safety rope by seat 5 in all boats are missing again. These ropes must stay in the boats as a re-entry tool in case anyone should go overboard.

A complete list of Safety instructions can be found on the club's website.

New Business:

John Townley gave a detailed Review of the changes and additions to Rules and additions. The Task Force working on this are John Townley, Mary DeFranco and Don Glass. They have worked tirelessly on these matters. Thank you.

FYI, Rules and Procedures are separate from the club BY-LAWS.

After John Townley's presentation to the membership Linda Braun, our Webmaster, will send an e-mail to everybody for the vote. There will be a 2-week open vote-time.

Rules and Procedures will also apply to the new Venue in Eastport.

Team Updates:

Blackheart: Bob Ricks and Mary Lou Bremer reported the team raced at Hernando and took home 3 gold medals. They will race at the Turkey Lake race 11/19. They reported on their donation to the Pajama Girl Scout collections.

Dirty Dozen: Per Olesen reported the team is a hard-working social team of former race paddlers.

Eastport Sun Dragons: Lynn Maready reported the team is recruiting and now have 18 members.

They work hard at becoming a strong race team.

Paddling Patriots: Terry Elsmore reported that for the time being they are not a race team. Their Motto is " Fun, Fitness and Friendship."

Silver Dragons: John Townley reported they raced at Hernando with many new members. They plan to race at the Turkey Lake race. 11/19. They donate to Haven House.

This Boat Rocks: Linda Braun reported they raced at Hernando. Linda said they take in many new paddlers and train them. Paddlers are encouraged to join a race team if they wish to race.

They donate to Salvation Army and give student scholarships. Team motto is “we train them you take them.”

Village Dragons: Beth Bowen reported the team is seasonal and starting in December. They support Wildwood Soup Kitchen, and the Parkinson Foundation and their silent auction January 24th. -2023.

Warriors / Sparta 70: Dottie Baker reported team coach is Lee Ceravac. They are working to become a strong race team. Team supports many entities such as Toys for Tots, Marine care packets and a Flip Flop & Margarita event featuring entertainer Jonny Wild and The Delights. 11/30 at Mulberry Rec. Center.

Terry Elsmore closed the meeting by praising our President Cheryl Moran for all her hard work, especially all that is going on behind the surface.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC>