

Board Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Meeting January 9th - 2023

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran – President

Mary DeFranco – Vice President

Steve Augustine – Treasurer

Elly Olesen – Secretary

Bob Ricks – Blackheart

Shelby Imus- Eastport Sun Dragons

Terry Elsmore – Paddling Patriots

Julie Coleman – Paddling Patriots

John Townley – Silver Dragons

Ron Perich – Sparta 70 / Warriors

Pat Culp – Village Dragons

Opening:

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

Secretary Report:

Elly Olesen reported the November minutes and Cheryl Moran's web report for December is posted. There were no corrections to either one. John Townley made motion to approve as posted. Bob Ricks 2nd... Reports approved.

Treasurer Report:

Membership now at **394**

Steve Augustine presented the financial statement and informed the board, the club insurance is paid, but the check has not yet been cashed. Ron Perich made motion to approve report as presented. Mary DeFranco 2nd. Report approved. Copy attached.

Sale of boats: Terry Elsmore reported he has contact with the entity interested in the 2 old boats. The entity is ready to purchase the boats for \$2000,00. This should include heads, tails, Steering tiller, seats and drums. Terry plans to deliver the boats on Friday providing he can get hold of Chuck Coogan to help bring the boats to Lake Sumter Friday morning. Terry will need help to unload the extra boat, approximately 16 people will be needed. As TBR and DD is paddling Friday morning, help should not be a

problem. Terry and Chuck will both be reimbursed from the club for any expenses, they might have in the delivery.

A discussion was held regarding the remaining boat in storage and it was decided to keep it for extra, in case needed in the future.

A discussion was also held regarding the balance on the club treasurer account, A motion was made by Terry Elmore to wait with the Fair share distribution, until we know more about, what the club will be needing in the future. (Opening of Eastport). This was 2nd. by Bob Ricks. Motion approved.

The annual dues reconciliation will be done by Steve Augustine, Mary DeFranco, Linda Braun.

Cheryl Moran will contact the insurance company regarding waivers, so the 2023 registration can get started.

President Report:

1.USDBF Liability and safety officer requirement created a minor confusion for Captains. However, Cheryl Moran clarified the requested requirements was meant to be for Events, **NOT** for teams' regular practices.

2.Permits for club meeting rooms for 2023 are secured.

As there is no General Meeting February 14th. and June 12th. the rooms are open to any team wishing to utilize them. They must contact Mary DeFranco before January 23rd. After that date the rooms will be cancelled.

3.Cheryl Moran reported the postponed Village Regatta is to be between Village Entities such as: Village Sales Dept., Village Rec. Dept., Village Fire and rescue Dept., and Golf Dept. This could all happen when the new venue opens.

4. Cheryl Moran also informed, the new venue would not be like Sarasota, but great for invitational races.

5. Cheryl Moran will be out of town for the February 13th. board meeting. Vice President Mary DeFranco will conduct the meeting.

Vice President Report:

1.Mary DeFranco has contacted CERT asking for an additional training class in CPR and the AED. It is very important that everyone in the club has the knowledge of how to help save lives and understanding the process.

2.Mary also emphasized the importance of demonstrating how to use the re-entry ropes placed in all boats. Mark Cammarano has offered to go into the lake and show how to re-enter the boat by the ropes. Mark has suggested this be filmed and then used for future meetings. Linda Braun will work with Mark to do the filming.

3. Mary will adjust the present ropes to the proper length. The ropes at present time seems a little too short.

4. The team safety sheets for sign off is no longer necessary.
5. Terry Elmore will try to secure a pool location for testing the life vests cartridges.

Boat Maintenance and / or Lake Matters:

Cheryl Moran reported the maintenance at the landing area at Lake Sumter is looking good, and she thanked the teams for helping to keep it clean.

Boat Axles:

Dolly axles are breaking down due to wear and needs repair. Bob Mowery from Blackheart has repaired one. Bob and Chuck will work to repair or replace axles as needed. They are looking to use a stronger material such as galvanized steel. John Townley will help Bob Mowery and Chuck Coogan on this project,

Boat Cover:

John Townley reported the cover for the 10-man boat has been ordered, but are at present waiting for the material.

Old Business:

Grand Master Dragon Boat Club Rules and Procedures are approved and signed for correctness by the club Secretary Elly Olesen. A copy is attached.

Linda will post on the website.

Thank you to Mary DeFranco, John Townley and Don Glass for hours spent on this project.

New Business:

Cheryl Moran informed that Mr. John Rohan has requested specific information on boats, regarding the cost, and as well as prices on additional equipment . Per Olesen and the long-term committee is working on this and will respond.

Club Picnic:

Terry Elmore will investigate where and when in April to hold a club Picnic.

2023 Registration:

The membership registrations and reconciliation are on hold until the proper waivers have been received.

Linda Braun will post as soon as possible. (Thank you, Linda for all you do)

If a member has not registered electronically or by paper by February 1st. The member will not be able to go in the boat for paddling until proper paperwork is completed.

Special Note.

Mary DeFranco announced the speaker for the January 10th. general meeting will be Mr. Len Hathaway.

He will speak on Lightening. The unpredictability of Lightening and its consequences in our area.

Tabled items:

1. Senior C Invitational Event Proposal- Postponed to the Eastport Opening.
2. Villages Regatta- Postponed until 2023- Grand Opening of Eastport???????
3. Coordinators- Race Coordinator needed.
4. Next General Meetings- January 2023 (Lightening Expert)
March 2023 (Seniors Versus Crime)
5. Long Term Planning.

Meeting Adjourn at 2:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC.