

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club.
General Meeting January 10th. – 2023

Attendance:

65 members signed in, several did not sign in.

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. And lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and Guests:

No visitors or guests at this meeting. Several members attended the General meeting for the first time.

Secretary Report:

Elly Olesen reported the minutes from previous general meeting is posted on the website. There were no corrections. Karen Ness made motion to approve as posted and Vernon Hentz 2nd. Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

Membership is now at 394.

Steve Augustine presented the financial statement. Terry Elsmore made motion to approve as presented and Laura Reynolds 2nd. Report approved. A copy is attached.

President Report:

- 1.Cheryl Moran reported all contracts for club activities has been secured with the Villages.
2. Boat cover for the 10-man boat has been ordered but awaiting material for completion.
- 3.Cheryl Moran announced the next General Meeting will be March 14th. 2023

Vice President Report:

- 1.Mary DeFranco reported she has contacted C.E.R.T. for additional class in CPR and the AED. Mary hopes to get a date in April or May 2023.
2. Mary DeFranco and Terry Elsmore is working to get a pool location secured for testing of life vest canisters.
3. Mary will adjust the re-entry ropes in all boats, as they are too short. Later Mary will organize a demonstration on how to use the re-entry ropes.

Old Business:

GMDBC Rules and Procedures are now approved and signed for correctness. And will be posted.

Per Olesen informed the Long-Range Planning Committee is working on a request from Mr. John Rohan on pricing of boats and equipment.

New Business:

Mary DeFranco introduced the evenings speaker. Len Harthaway.

Mr. Len Harthaway is an expert on the Lightning Storms phenomena in Florida. Len Harthaway is part of a none profit volunteer community service here in the Villages.

The membership received many good tips on the unpredictability of lightning storms and consequences. Mr. Harthaway informed that Florida has 80-100 lightning storms a year, Rain is not always present for direct or indirect strikes. Mr. Harthaway recommended homes should have surge protectors and possible Lightning rods on the roof tops.

Mr. Harthaway's power point presentation was well done and gave information one never would have thought about.

At present there are no local or state regulations for products or installations of lightning rods.

So, this is strictly a buyer beware market.

Team Reports:

Due to the meeting ran out of time all Captains were given 30 seconds to give their updates.

Blackheart—Mary Lue Bremer reported the team is working hard to get ready for the next race season.

Dirty Dozen – Per Olesen reported the team is not a race team but consisting of very hard-working former race paddlers.

Eastport Sun Dragons – Angela Davis reported the team now practice regular on Lake Miona.

They have an upcoming fundraiser, that is sold out.

Paddling Patriots – Julie Coleman reported the team is doing great, but at present time not a race team.

Silver Dragons – John Townley reported the team is working hard and still donating to Haven House.

This Boat Rocks – Linda Braun reported the team had a very successful Christmas dinner dance. The team still donates to Salvation Army and give student scholarships. Very busy training several new paddlers.

Village Dragons – Pat Culp reported the team is Seasonal and is just getting started.

Warriors/Sparta 70 – Dottie Baker reported the team is working hard on and off the boat. The team support Veterans organizations and several philanthropical entities.

Special note.

GMDBC received a thank you letter from Wildwood Soup Kitchen. A copy is attached.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC