

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
Board Meeting March 13th. – 2023

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran – President

Mary DeFranco – Vice President

Steve Augustine – Treasurer

Elly Olesen – Secretary

Ray Vail – Dirty Dozen

Shelby Imus – Eastport Sun Dragons

Angela Davis – Eastport Sun Dragons

Julie Coleman – Paddling Patriots

Ron Perich – Sparta 70

Linda Braun – This Boat Rocks

Beth Bowen – Village Dragons

Tom Upton – Warriors

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Secretary Report:

Report was sent out prior to the meeting. One minor correction was made.

Linda Braun made motion to approve as written, Mary DeFranco 2nd. Report approved.

Treasurer Report:

Steve Augustine presented the financial statement. Mary DeFranco made motion to approve as presented. Beth Bowen 2nd. Report was approved. A copy is attached.

Steve reported as of end of February the paid membership was 186. As of the 13th. of March the paid membership grew to 303. The budget meeting was postponed to the month of June 2023.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran reported on her recent meeting with Mr. John Rohan.

1. The finish of the Eastport venue has been postponed to 2024.
2. An extension for extra paddle hours for Blackheart's Special training was secured for the period of April 10 -12 on Lake Sumter.

3. The Club's contract regarding paddle hours on Lake Sumter has expired, at present time only a verbal permit was given.

Cheryl Moran asked that, if other teams wish to reserve time for special practice hours, they should contact her, and she will then make the request to the Rec. Dept.

Cheryl also reported she has forwarded detailed boat measurements to Mr. Rohan.

Cheryl acknowledged the newspaper write up in the Daily Sun of the Eastport Sun Dragons. And wishing the team best of luck in their future adventures.

Vice President Report: (Safety)

Mary DeFranco stated that information for the AED training session on March 15th. was sent out by e-mail to all members. All participants must register in advance, in case there is difficulty in registering please contact Mary DeFranco.

Mary announced a safety practice of PFD vests and canisters has been scheduled at the Everglades pool for April 16th by Paddling Patriots. Julie Coleman informed the board that the pool can accommodate up to 85 persons at one time, so if other club members are interested in participating, they are welcome. However, members must replace their canisters after use at their own expense as canisters are not reusable.

Mary DeFranco will revise safety procedures and make additional safety notebooks for new captains.

A discussion was held regarding the boat emergency exits on Lake Sumter and Lake Miona. Captains were encouraged to obtain this information and share with their Steers people. Extraction point on Sumter, is the red house near the bridge and then the boat dock. At Miona it is at the dock or where a boat can safely go in. (Maybe the beach at the end of the lake.)

Boat Maintenance and/or Lake Matter:

Kayakers have requested more space for their launching. A request of leaving ½ mat open for them to approach the water.

Cheryl Moran thanked everyone for the great turnout at Lake Sumter helping Chuck Coogan in cleaning, waxing and flipping the boats. Tom Upton will check with Chuck Coogan regarding the cleaning of boats at Lake Miona.

New Steering Oars has been purchased, paid for, and is now in storage.

All new boat covers has been received and is in use, including the 10-man boat cover.

Old Business:

Cheryl Moran informed the Eastport venue is under construction but will not be complete until 2024.

Sunset Island Dragons submitted application for permission to form their team and start paddling on Lake Sumter one morning a week. (Wednesday) After discussion a motion was made by Tom Upton to approve the new team " Sunset Island Dragons". Julie Coleman 2nd. The motion was approved by the board. There was one no vote. A copy of the application is attached.

Permission from Mary DeFranco to use one boat for one hour on Lake Sumter on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am. starting in April 2023 was obtained.

Board meetings for May 8th. and November 13th. will be held at the pavilion at Lake Miona.

Sea Breeze: General meeting room for April and June will be cancelled.

GMDBC picnic will be April 11th at the Sea Breeze pavilion from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Terry Elsmore is in charge and the setup will start at 5:30pm. Terry will do the grilling and Mary DeFranco will do the necessary shopping. Everyone else can bring their favorite side dish.

New Business:

Brad Smith and Bob Ricks would like to form a GMDBC - club crew team for the Sarasota race in July 2023. The purpose of forming this team will be trying to qualify, for the world championship and go to Italy in September of 2024.

To join this venture, qualification try outs are necessary. If anyone is interested in trying out for this please contact Brad Smith. 973-452-4552

The tryout criteria is being developed by independent third party. (Albert, coach for the Canadian team "BEAST".)

Julie Coleman will make additional notebooks for new captains.

Genesis:

The Genesis athletic club has offered to give 7-day guest passes to GMDBC members. The Genesis will open a 3rd. facility at Spanish Springs by January 2024

The person to contact regarding the guest passes is: Robert Harris – 352- 753 – 6910

A discussion was held regarding inviting the Genesis to be a speaker at a general meeting.

A motion was made by Don Perich to invite Genesis as a speaker for a general meeting, Tom Upton 2nd. Motion approved.

Cheryl Moran will contact Genesis and set a date. Shelby Imus will take care of the details regarding the day passes.

The upcoming General meeting March 14th will feature Mr. Larry Moran from Seniors vs/ Crimes.

The board rejected visit at a meeting from SoZo kids.

Tabled Items:

1 Senior C invitational Event – Postponed to Eastport Opening.

2 Village Regatta- Postponed till 2024-

3 Race Coordinator needed.

4 Long Term Planning.

5 NEXT GENERAL MEETING- March 14th. 2023 (Seniors versus Crime.) & May 2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC.