

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

General Meeting March 14th.

Attendance: 65 members, and 3 guests.

Opening:

Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. With a joint Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and guests:

No visitors at present meeting.

There were 3 guests: Mrs. Jerilyn Mowry, Mr. Merish and guest speaker Mr. Larry Moran.

Secretary Report:

The Minute from last meeting is posted on the website. There were no corrections. Motion to approve as posted was made by Terry Elsmore and 2nd. by Don Glass. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report:

Steve Augustine presented the financial statement. Motion to approve as presented was made by Maureen Byers. And 2nd. by Terry Elsmore. Report approved.

A copy is attached.

Steve reported the paid membership as of March 13th, stands at 303.

Cheryl Moran advised it is very important to have the exact number of paid memberships , as the fee for the club insurance is based on number of memberships.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran thanked all members helping Chuck Coogan cleaning, Waxing and flipping the boats at Lake Sumter. The cleaning of boats on Lake Miona is forth coming.

Dave Bethel Is the engineer of all boat scaffoldings made for the covers. (Thank you Dave)

Bob Mowry reported only one trolley axel remain to be repaired.

Kayakers has requested more space for their boats to be launched. It was requested ½ Mat be left open for them at Lake Sumter.

Cheryl Moran reported the Eastport venue is under construction but will not have a completion date until early 2024.

The next general meeting will be in May 2023.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco informed it is very important all safety rules be followed. Captains were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the emergency exits at both lakes. Then share this information with their Steers people.

Extraction points at Lake Sumter is by the red house near the bridge, and the dock by the hotel. But if paddling to those areas would take too long, exit at the closed shore and begin CPR if needed.

At Miona it is at the dock, or where ever it would be safe to bring the boat in.(Maybe at the beach at the end of the lake)But if paddling to those areas take too long, exit at the closed shore and begin CPR if needed.

Mary DeFranco reminded the next AED training class is March 15th. and is full. Everyone must preregister to participate.

Terry Elsmore reported a pool event to test PFD and their canisters is scheduled for April 16th. at the Everglades pool. The pool can accommodate up to 85 people, so anyone interested should contact Terry for further information. The event is scheduled from 4-8pm.

Old Business:

Long Range Planning had no updates at present time. This committee will reactivate when a finish date is given for the new venue.

The club picnic is scheduled for April 11th. at the SeaBreeze Pavilion and Setup is 5:30pm. Picnic is 6:30-8:00 pm. Terry Elsmore will do the grilling and Mary DeFranco will do some shopping.

Everyone else is welcome to bring their favorite side dish.

New Business:

Cheryl Moran welcomed the new team "Sunset Island Dragons". Their application was approved by the board on March 13th.

A copy of the application is attached.

Brad Smith reported he and Bob Ricks of the Blackhearts will be forming a Club Crew team to participate for the qualification race in Sarasota July 2023, for a berth to the World Championships in Italy in 2024. Anyone interested should contact Brad Smith for try outs and expectations of paddlers for this event. 973-452-4552

Cheryl Moran thanked Brad Smith for working on the event and for helping to promote the sport of Dragon Boating.

Beth Bowen announced she would like to form a pool of paddlers willing to help other teams if short for racing events. A discussion was held but no conclusion obtained at present time.

The evenings Speaker:

Mr. Larry Moran a representative of Seniors versus Crimes of the Villages was the speaker of the meeting. Mr. Moran has helped multiple residents in their fight against scams and fraud. His presentation was very helpful to all. The in depth information and help available to residents was incredible. Mr. Moran gave advice on how to avoid different scams and frauds going on. And emphasized Seniors should not hesitate to ask for help. Seniors versus Crimes in the Villages has help many and recovered over a total of 5 million dollars to area residents.

All walked away with knowledge of how to identify scams and fraud and how important it is to fight against it and possible to avoid them.

We thank Mr. Larry Moran for taking the time out of his schedule to enlightening our members on this very important subject.

A note of thanks has been sent to Larry Moran.

Team Reports:

Due to meeting running out of time there are no Team Reports at present time.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC