

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting May 8th. – 2023

Attendance:

Cheryl Moran – President

Mary DeFranco – Vice President

Steve Augustine – Treasurer

Elly Olesen – Secretary

Bob Ricks – Blackheart

Ray Vail - Dirty Dozen

Shelby Imus – Eastport Sun Dragons

Julie Coleman – Paddling Patriots

John Townley – Silver Dragons

Ron Perich – Sparta 70

Bill Clark – Sunset Island Dragons

Linda Braun – This Boat Rocks, Absent due to COVID

Pat Culp – Village Dragons

Mary Wilson – Warriors

Tom Upton – Sparta/Warriors (Guest)

Laura Renolds – Village Dragons. (Guest)

Opening:

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

Secretary Report:

Report sent out prior to meeting and posted.

1 correction: Board member contact list, corrected to:

Board Members and Co-Captain Contact list.

Motion to approve as posted was made by John Townley and 2nd. by Julie Coleman. Motion approved.

Elly Olesen reported on the nominations for President and Secretary.

There was 1 nomination for President: Cheryl Moran. Cheryl has accepted the nomination.

For Secretary there were no nominations.

After discussion the board decided to appoint Laura Renolds of Village Dragons to fill the vacant spot for 1 year.

Laura accepted the appointment that starts July 1st. -2023.

A motion was made to accept Laura Renolds's appointment for 1 year was made by John Townley and 2nd. by Bob Ricks. Motion approved.

Laura can then run for 1 more year if she wishes, when the club has its next election in 2024.

Treasurer Report:

Steve Augustine presented the financial statement ending April 30th. -2023.

The club membership is now 352.

Motion to approve the Report as presented was made by Mary DeFranco and 2nd. by Bob Ricks.

Motion approved.

A discussion was had regarding the fair share refund to all teams. The board favored to hold on to the funds, until more information would come forward regarding the clubs need for replacing existing boats. Also depending on how many boats the Villages will buy for the new Venue.

Steve gave heads up on future expenses coming soon. However, the club is, according to the financial statement in a very good shape.

President Report:

Cheryl Moran gave a short report of her meeting with Mr. John Rohan. Cheryl confirmed the strong support The Villages is showing to the future of The Dragon Boat sport.

Cheryl also informed of some changes that will be coming to Lake Sumter. Details were not given at the present time.

The original boat ID's and a count of how many boats the club owns must be confirmed and sent to the insurance company. Bill Clark volunteered to identify all ID numbers.

Cheryl gave the invoice of pending payment of the insurance policy to Steve Augustine.

Recruiting: All Captains oversee their form of recruitment of new members and where they wish to be presented, Market place, Newcomer's nights and Newspaper write ups, etc

Any team wishing to do fundraising and needs a copy of the club's 501(3) non profit certificate can contact Steve Augustine for a copy.

John Townley asked if the club has information on how many boats the Villages plan to buy. The answer to this is NO.

Ray Vail asked if there would be a fair share cost to use the boats at Eastport. No information on this at the present time.

Vice President Report:

Mary DeFranco reported on the club picnic held in April. About 90 members participated. It was a great success and many thanks to cooks and shoppers. All had a wonderful time.

Mary reported that the safety training was well attended. The Safety document is now posted on the website. Mary will also send an email copy out to all members on Team Snap. It is important all Captains go over the instructions with their team paddlers.

The missing AED will be replaced and an air tag for tracking will be placed somewhere in the AED. Mary DeFranco will order the AED. The cost of \$1,741.00 was approved at an earlier meeting.

Boat Maintenance and/or Lake Matter:

The storage boxes at Lake Miona and Lake Sumter needs to be replaced with stronger and bigger boxes.

A box like the Kayaks box. Steve Augustine has worked very hard on this project and also to get discounts by buying two boxes. \$1,241.00 each and free shipping. Motion was made by Mary DeFranco to buy 2 boxes. 1 for Miona and 1 for Sumter. This was 2nd by Shelby Imus, motion approved.

Captains and steers were requested to keep the boats 100 yards from the fishing boat on Lake Sumter.

When white caps are on the Lakes, the boats are not allowed out.

Ray Vail asked if anything would be done about the grass closing in on Lake Sumter. Cheryl Moran responded: Not at this time per EPA regulations.

Old Business:

Picnic report: Reported by Mary DeFranco under Vice President Report.

Pool Safety Report: Julie Coleman gave report of the Patriots Event in April, regarding testing canisters for life vests. About 40 members attended and only 3 had difficulties and needed help. Cheryl asked Julie if she possible could give the report at the general meeting May 9th.

New Boxes: Reported under Lake Matters.

GMDBC-Sarasota berth Qualification team: Bob Ricks and Brad Smith oversees this team. At present 32 paddlers have signed up. The only way to join the team is through GMDBC. Registration expires at the end of MAY-2023. Mark Kane is the coach for the team. Please call Brad Smith if interested in trying it out. 973-452-4552. Paddlers must be 60 or older.

Registration reimbursement: Bob Ricks paid the Sarasota registration fee of \$2,575, 00.and was reimbursed by the club Treasurer. The original amount approved for this was \$1,500.00. through an earlier motion. With the provision to revisit if needed. A motion was made to rase the fee to \$2,575.00 by Mary DeFranco and was 2nd. by Ron Perich. Motion approved.

Beth Bowens report on Steers and Drummer list was postponed as Beth was absent.

New Business:

Camp Villages: Cheryl Moran informed the board that Bob Kane has contacted the Villages and offered to lead Camp Villages again this year. Linda Braun would be his assistant. Linda was not present to give further information as she was absent due to COVID. The Camp Villages is held June 20th. And July 18th. From 9-12 am.

This is to let the records show the board has given Bob and Linda a budget of \$550.00 for Medals. Motion was made by Steve Augustine and 2nd. by Ray Vail. Motion approved.

Cheryl Moran will contact Bob Kane.

Election:

Nominee for President Cheryl Moran will give her presentation at the general meeting Tuesday May 9th. And Laura Renolds will give a short presentation accepting the vacant spot of Secretary.

Tabled Items:

Senior C Invitational Event proposal- postponed to Eastport Opening.

Villages Regatta-Postponed until 2024'

Coordinators – Race coordinator needed.

Next General meeting May 9th.2023. Then October 2023. (Rec. Dept. Speaker)??

Long Term Planning.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Elly Olesen

Secretary of GMDBC