

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
Board Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds for Ellie Olesen
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Bob Ricks	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Ray Vail	Sparta 70	Laraine McDonald
Eastport Sun Dragons	Shelby Imus	Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Leathernecks/Warriors	Mary Wilson	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Paddling Patriots	Julie Coleman	Village Dragons	Laura Reynolds for Beth Bowen

Opening: Cheryl Moran called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

Secretary Report:

1. May board meeting minutes were posted prior to meeting
 - a. Corrections: none noted
 - b. Motion to approve by John Townley; 2nd by Ray Vail
 - c. Motion was approved

Treasurer's Report:

1. Steve Augustine presented the financial statement ending May 31, 2023
 - a. Motion to approve by Laraine McDonald; 2nd by Julie Coleman
 - b. Motion was approved
2. 368 members as of May 31
3. Reminder to Captains that membership is pro-rated to \$10 for new members as of July 1
4. Future income/expenses were reviewed by Steve. Financials continue to be in very good shape.
5. Reminder to Board that the fiscal year ends July 31.
6. Budget and Treasury balance discussion
 - a. Semi-annual budget meeting will be postponed to September due to confidence in income/expense projections from Steve and pending developer contributions for Eastport

President's Report:

1. 2 more years
 - a. Cheryl is committed to serving as President for 2 more years. She thanked the club for ongoing support.
 - b. Eastport is projected to be completed during her tenure as President, per Mr. Rohan
2. Lake Sumter news

- a. Lake Sumter will look different in the future; there are plans for improvement/investment in the waterfront.
 - b. No specifics are available at this time, more to come.
- 3. Eastport news
 - a. As per a meeting with Cheryl, Per Olesen and Mr. Rohan, one (1) boat will definitely be purchased for Eastport by the developer. The club had requested that three (3) boats be provided. The club should be prepared to purchase two (2) boats for Eastport. This is, however, subject to change.
 - b. Mr. Rohan's goal is to further increase and expand dragon boating once Eastport is complete. Future dragon boating activities may include the high school, Camp Villages, sales and rec departments, etc.
 - c. Cheryl will continue to work on further support from Mr. Rohan for dragon boating
 - d. The Eastport boathouse will hold 3 boats
- 4. Welcome Secretary
 - a. Cheryl welcomed and thanked the new secretary, Laura Reynolds
- 5. Vice President will conduct the July board meeting; Cheryl will not attend

Vice President's Report:

- 1. AED replacement at Lake Sumter
 - a. AED has been ordered, but it is back-ordered; could be a month until it is received
- 2. Safety
 - a. Issue at dock with boat #6, all reports were filed. Additional discussion recorded under Boat Maintenance and/or Boat Matters section below.
 - b. John Townley reported that a new team member purchased and donated a first aid kit for team use at Lake Miona
 - c. New steer person fell off the boat during practice at Lake Miona
 - i. The safety rope at seat 5 was ineffective; risk of tipping the boat during use; suggested moving the rope further back in the boat as that was done to successfully rescue the steer person
 - ii. An incident report needs to be filed by team captain
 - iii. John Townley will let Mary DeFranco know about rope placement suggestion
 - d. ALL incidents, with people and equipment, must be reported and recorded
 - i. Providing pictures of boat issues/damages is a huge help

Boat Maintenance and/or Boat Matters:

- 1. Boat #6 status and thanks
 - a. Boat #6 struck a pylon while docking which caused the steering arm to separate
 - b. Repairs will take 1-2 weeks; Chuck is working on it
 - c. Spare boat is in use
 - d. Thanks to those who assisted with moving boats and taking on repairs
- 2. Boat rotation/maintenance plans need to be established to document boat maintenance schedules, assess condition of boats and recommend the number of boats needed for current and ongoing club use.
 - a. Concerns were raised regarding the following;

- i. Age and condition of current boats; newest boats were purchased in 2014 as “gently used”. Seeing issues with paint, gelcoat and overall aging of boats
 - ii. Lack of known or expected maintenance schedule
 - iii. Availability of back up boats when boats need serviced
 - iv. Lake Miona will continue to have 3 boats; reconfirmed that dragon boating will continue at Lake Miona after Eastport is up and running
 - v. Lake Sumter will continue to have 3 boats; upcoming waterfront improvements will not change that
 - vi. Noted that a 6 month lead time is required for replacing boats
 - b. Ray Vail moved that a task force be formed to manage ongoing boat operations and maintenance; motion 2nd by John Townley
 - c. Motion was approved
 - i. Task force will
 - 1. Establish maintenance schedules for boats
 - 2. Schedule and oversee boat maintenance per the established schedule
 - 3. Recommend and implement boat rotation schedules
 - 4. make recommendations to the board regarding boat and/or equipment purchases to ensure a safely maintained fleet
 - ii. Task force should be separate from the Long Range Planning task force as it was created to help with Eastport development/administration
 - iii. Task force members are to be Chuck Coogan, Mary Lou Bremer, John Townley, Linda Braun and Beth Bowen
 - iv. Each team currently has a designated boat maintenance person who will act as liaison between the boat maintenance task force and their team
- 3. Bill Clark noted that the sand at Lake Sumter dock area needs to be groomed
 - a. Captains should organize and schedule this maintenance
 - b. If additional sand is needed let Cheryl know so that she can request it from Mr. Rohan
- 4. Cover for the 10-person boat is in place.
 - a. all boat covers are now complete, in use and paid for
- 5. Dock storage boxes
 - a. box for Lake Sumter has been received and installed; old box has been removed from the site.
 - i. Amazing, well done. Thank you!
 - ii. Developer may make some adjustments; removal of irrigation, landscaping, etc
 - 1. Cheryl will review with Mr. Rohan and indicate a need for more sand at the boat ramp.
 - b. box for Lake Miona
 - i. Storage boxes at Lake Miona are in disrepair and need to be replaced
 - ii. As noted above, we will continue to dragon boat at Lake Miona. Current contract with the county expires in 2.5 years, but is expected to be renewed.
 - iii. John Townley will work with the newly formed boat maintenance task force to determine the number and sizes of dock boxes needed

1. NOTE that altering the current number and size of the boxes will require county approval. It is recommended that any new dock boxes mirror what is currently in place.
2. Steve Augustine can be consulted as to what size boxes are available similar to the box purchased for Lake Sumter
3. Consider moving some of the drums and seats currently at Lake Miona to the storage facility based on practice needs and usage to allow for new box sizes
 - c. Discussion included that drumming IS allowed on Lake Sumter, but NOT from the lighthouse to the second bridge
6. Boat Trailer Storage Area – need measurements/possibilities
 - a. Cheryl needs the lot number and storage area size at the Alhambra storage area in order to get a waiver from Mr. Rohan for the storage lot payments
 - b. Julie will ask Terry to get this information to Cheryl
 - c. Cheryl will prepare an email to Mr. Rohan once that information has been received

Old Business:

1. GMDBC Sarasota Qualification Team update
 - a. Friday evening practices were replaced by Sunday am practice at Miona due to recent weather concerns. There are 5 more practices before the Nationals!
 - i. Bill will notify Mary DeFranco to update the lake practice schedule on Team Snap
 - b. The team currently consists of 26-27 paddlers. A drummer is still needed.
 - c. Shirt order is in; team members will purchase their own shirts
 - d. There will be 165 teams at the National Championships at Sarasota
 - e. Thanks to all club members for stepping up and paddling with other teams to provide support
2. List of steer persons and drummers (Beth Bowen)
 - a. Captains were asked to provide a list of their steer persons and drummers who are willing to assist other teams on a volunteer and as needed basis.
 - b. Names and contact info should be provided to Beth. She will create list to be posted for all teams use on Team Snap
 - c. This is to assist teams who have limited access to steer persons and drummers and hopefully, limit the number of cancelled practices for those teams.
3. Camp Villages update
 - a. Dates are June 20 and July 18 from 9 am to 11 am; rain date is the following day
 - b. 36 participants have registered to date
 - c. John suggested putting the heads and tails on the boats; Bob Kane can coordinate
 - d. Linda asked for more volunteers to help at end of race and some additional paddlers;
 - i. Linda will send an email that specifies duties needed along with time/location
 - ii. Captains, please spread the word
4. Long Term Planning Committee update
 - a. Things are moving along
 - b. Lake is dug and liner is in

- c. Hoping for completion by the end of 2024
- d. Re-confirmed that Eastport is not a replacement for Lake Miona; we will continue to paddle at Lake Miona

New Business:

- 1. Race Coordinator
 - a. GMDBC Club Rules and Procedures specifies this role. It has been vacant for many years. We need to either fill or delete this role.
 - b. The still open position is to compile a list of available races and festivals to be shared with team captains along with coordinating GMDBC representation/discounts/etc for events.
 - i. Details are documented on the GMDBC website under Club Rules and Procedures. From Home page, scroll to bottom, select Club Rules/Procedures, then click on Club Rules and Procedures Page 1
 - c. Position is available to any club member.
 - d. Julie will ask Don Glass if he is interested.

Tabled Items:

- 1. Senior C Invitational Event Proposal – postponed until Eastport opening
- 2. Villages Regatta – postponed until 2024

Next General Meeting is October 10, 2023

- 1. John will check with Jim Davis on a presentation for the October meeting
 - a. Tentatively planned Rec Dept Speaker will be post-poned
- 2. Bill/Bob to discuss Grand Masters Race team experience at meeting
 - a. Team Members should come and wear their jerseys

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Reynolds
On behalf of GMDBC Secretary Ellie Olesen