

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2023

Attendance:

President	Cherly Moran	Vice President	
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Ray Vail	Sparta 70	
Eastport Sun Dragons	Shelby Imus	Sunset Island Dragons	Karen Ness
Leathernecks/Warriors		This Boat Rocks	Rita Girou
Paddling Patriots		Village Dragons	Laura Reynolds
Guest	Julie Lacey		
	Marguerite Muller		
	Gerri Battaglia		

Opening: Cheryl called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Secretary's Report:

1. June board meeting minutes were posted prior to meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by John with 2nd by Mary Lou was approved

Treasurer's Report: Membership number and report

- Budget and Treasury balance discussion
 - Current expenses were reviewed
 - Membership stands at 380
 - Tax year filing preparations are underway
 - CPA will do tax return for the team again this year
 - Teams should submit tax information to Treasurer by August 31, 2023
 - Motion to pay a \$25 additional fee to CPA for related tax support made by Laura with 2nd by Rita was approved
 - Current Team Snap version is no longer supported by the vendor
 - There is an increased cost for the new version
 - Cheryl will add this topic to the Board Meeting agenda for next month

President's Report:

- Lake Sumter usage for special project approvals
 - Please note that permission from the GMDBC Board for special club boating activities is required for all dragon boating venues
 - Additionally, Recreation Department permits are required for Lake Sumter
 - Captains please work with Cheryl regarding potential need for permitted activities

- Lake Sumter Improvements
 - Current landing spot will remain unchanged
- Team Captain Communication to Teams (GMDBC Board Business)
 - Captains please take proactive steps to share information from board meetings with your team members
 - Share meeting minutes and/or location of minutes with team members

Vice President:

- AED report
 - No update
- Safety
 - Miona Incident Report is completed and will be emailed to Safety Officer

Boat Maintenance:

- Box replacement – Miona
 - County approval has been obtained for replacement of existing boxes
 - Motion by John with 2nd by Shelby to proceed with replacing boxes in Miona was approved
 - Boat task force committee will move forward with this project
 - Recommend 2 boxes to provide adequate drum/seat storage at Miona
- Boat storage area fees
 - Fees for boat storage at Alhambra will be waived as of October 2023
 - Noted that this agreement is largely due to the continuing volunteer efforts of GMDBC team members in support of Villages activities
 - Thank you will be sent to Mr. Rohan by secretary
- Boat Task Force Report
 - Awareness raised that we need to plan for future boat needs
 - Maintenance schedule has been completed
 - Discussed next steps;
 - Recommended that maintenance calendar be created
 - Mary Lou will reach out to team Captains to provide resources to complete scheduled maintenance activities

Old Business:

- GMDBC Race Team Report
 - Event was wonderful, a great experience
 - A big challenge and the team stepped up admirably and Kenny did an awesome job steering
 - A berth has been achieved for Ravenna; we need our best athletes to participate
 - The composite race team will start up in January/February; all club members are eligible to try out for the race team
 - Thank you to Shelby and Eastport Sun Dragons for their support at the race

- Drummer and Steer List
 - No information has been provided to Beth
 - Captains are to send list of willing steer persons and drummers to Beth by August 21
- Camp Villages Report – Linda Braun
 - A total of 52 teens participated in two very successful Camp Villages events
 - Volunteers from every GMDBC team were on hand; thank you to all the volunteers
 - Thank you note will be sent by secretary to Bob Kane and Linda Braun for coordinating these events
- Race Coordinator
 - No update

New Business:

- GMDBC BCS Composite Team – Gerri Battaglia/Marguerite Muller
 - Motion by John with 2nd by Ray to pursue building a composite breast cancer paddle team was approved
 - Participants must be Villagers of any gender who have experienced breast cancer
 - Participation on this composite team will be in addition to, not a replacement for, a paddlers current team
 - Gerri and Marguerite will coordinate this composite team. Interested paddlers should reach out to either of them as follows;
 - Marguerite Muller at marantho@comcast.net or 352-250-0270 (cell) or 352-259- 2175 (home)
 - Gerri Battaglia at gbattaglia5@yahoo.com or 208-818-6298
- Discussion on the discounted membership rate
 - Discounted membership rate of \$10 applies to new members who join a team on or after July 1
 - New members join a team, pay dues and are added to Team Snap on their fourth paddle date (after they have completed 3 guest paddles)
 - Waivers must be signed prior to a first paddle
 - Captains, please ensure that only team members, not guests, are added to Team Snap. A significant effort was recently put forth to clean up the Team Snap roster so please help to maintain that
- Relay for Life – Beth Bowen
 - American Cancer Society has a combined Relay for Life and Strides Against Breast Cancer event on Saturday, September 30, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM, at the Villages Polo Club
 - Motion by John with 2nd by Shelby to share details of this event via a GMDBC wide email was approved
 - Those interested in supporting the event can respond as per the forthcoming email
- Brochure Update
 - Tabled to next meeting
- Heat related Safety
 - A concern was raised that current safety procedures do not address extreme heat
 - We have left cold temperature practices to the discretion of team captains
 - Shelby will consult with the Safety Officer

- It was suggested that we consider sending a safety reminder to be wary of heat indexes

Tabled Items:

- Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
- Villages regatta – Postponed until 2024
- Long term Planning for Club
- Next General Meeting – October 10, 2023 – Eating properly for practice, training, and race day

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, September 11 at Canal Street Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 PM, October 10 at Sea Breeze Rec Center