

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2023

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	Mary DeFranco
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Bob Ricks	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Elly Oleson	Sparta 70	
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	Beth Bowen
Guests			
Colleen Campbell	Silver Dragons, Co-Cpt		
Susan Kusan	Leathernecks		

Opening: Cheryl Moran

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Secretary Report: Sent out prior to the meeting

1. September board meeting minutes were posted prior to meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Mary with 2nd by Tom passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Membership number and report

1. Budget and Treasury balance discussion
 - a. Current financial report was reviewed
 - Motion to approve report by John with 2nd by Beth passed unanimously.
 - b. Membership stands at 403

President Report:

1. Need Volunteer to secure alternative Board Meeting Date for Board Meeting – November 13
 - a. Linda reserved Lake Miona pavilion from 12:30 – 2:00; meeting starts at 1:00
2. Mary will cancel Seabreeze dates for November and December General Meetings
3. 2024 meetings are scheduled for January, March, May and October
4. GMDBC Composite Race team
 - a. There has been a limited response from team members to participate
 - b. Captains please encourage team members to respond quickly if interested as this was a hard earned spot to achieve and GMDBC would like to be represented in Ravenna

Vice President Report:

1. AED report

- a. AED is in place at Lake Sumter
 - b. Mary will provide demo at October general meeting
2. October General meeting is the Annual Safety Meeting
 - a. Captains please encourage team members to attend
3. John reported a medical incident at Lake Sumter
 - a. Steersperson is required to carry a cell phone on the boat
 - b. Also recommended that a second person carry a phone so that calls are not delayed while steersperson gets the boat to shore

Boat Maintenance:

1. Review of procedures and plans for boat maintenance
 - a. Committee has documented a schedule of maintenance to be completed.
 - i. Schedule should take race and off seasons into account as boats will be out of service for 2-3 days on a rotating basis
 - b. Committee will assign teams to and provide written instructions for scheduled maintenance activities
 - c. Teams will be responsible for general cleaning/waxing/etc. and reporting boat damages to the Boat Maintenance committee. Small repairs such as seat tightening should be completed by teams as needed.
 - d. Committee will need to determine method of accountability to ensure that the maintenance activities are completed per the schedule
 - e. Reminder that GMDBC cannot pay for services, however gratuities may be offered
2. Hurricane preparations discussed. These items will be added to the protocol document;
 - a. Notification of lake closure from club president will kick off hurricane preparations
 - b. Boats will be left on trailers and secured with bungee cords; trailers will be secured together
 - c. Boats should be moved as far ashore as possible due to erosion concerns
 - d. Last team to use boats prior to lake closure will be responsible for hurricane boat preparations
 - e. Boat Maintenance committee will assign a committee member to ensure that all boats are secure
 - f. Lake Sumter remains closed until club president has notified captains otherwise
3. Boat purchase recommendations
 - a. A motion made by John, with 2nd by Tom, to purchase one 20-man buck boat from PanAm and one 10-man boat with costs not to exceed \$30,000 passed unanimously.
 - b. Motion will be reviewed at October General Meeting then put up for a general electronic vote for approval
4. Warriors boat exchange – 10/31 through 11/2 – Lee to move boats
 - a. 20 person boat currently in storage is in need of repair before it can be used at Miona for practices
 - b. Supplies needed for repairs and volunteers to assist are available; work is being coordinated with Chuck
 - c. Repairs need to be completed by 10/31, otherwise captains will need to agree on and coordinate alternate arrangements for a boat swap from Sumter to Miona

5. Cheryl expressed her thanks to the Boat Maintenance committee for all their efforts, as well as to Bill and Chuck for recent boat repairs

Old Business:

1. Drummer and Steer List
 - a. Steer Person / Drummer list was submitted by Beth
 - b. Laura will send list out to captains for review, then to Linda for publishing to the team web site
2. Steer Clinic – Lee Cerovac
 - a. No update
3. Brochure Update
 - a. Brochures are complete; 250 were ordered

New Business:

1. Leatherneck fundraiser supporting Langley Medical Center
 - a. Motion by Beth, with 2nd by John, to approve email to club distribution regarding Game Night fundraiser to be held October 27 at Water Lily Rec Center at 6:00 pm was approved unanimously
2. Post-practice Processes
 - a. Noted that not all teams conduct post-practice clean up as thoroughly as others. Boat Maintenance committee will determine if written protocol is needed
 - Boats and covers should be sprayed and wiped
 - b. Reminder that all boats at Lake Sumter must be positioned within the white lines on the mat with the far left section of the mat to be left open for kayak traffic.
 - c. Reminder to maintain 100 yards leeway from fishing pontoon boats

Tabled Items:

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

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, November 13 at Lake Miona Rec Center pavilion

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

Steer Person / Drummer info

Role	Name	Phone	Steer	Drummer	Practice Only
Steerer	Ken Davis	(210) 268-9852	X		
Steerer	Joan Kessel	(770) 350-6674	X		
Steerer	Marty Kunofsky	(678) 520-3341	X		
Steerer	Doug Johnson (in training)	(413) 627-2673	X		X
Steerer	Beth Bowen	(717) 497 3585	X		X
Steerer	Jane Spellacy	(216) 310-9456	X		X
Steerer	Kenny Kaye	(410)-916-4811	X		
Drummer	Perri Kunofsky	(678) 520-3340		X	
	Linda Braun				