

## Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

### Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023

#### Attendance:

<b>President</b>	Cheryl Moran	<b>Vice President</b>	Mary DeFranco
<b>Treasurer</b>	absent	<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Braun for Laura Reynolds
<b>Captains:</b>			
<b>Blackhearts</b>	Mary Lou Bremer	<b>Silver Dragons</b>	John Townley
<b>Dirty Dozen</b>	Elly Olesen for Per Olesen	<b>Sparta 70</b>	Dick Kanyan
<b>Eastport Sun Dragons</b>		<b>Sunset Island Dragons</b>	Bill Clark
<b>Leathernecks/Warriors</b>	Susan Kusan	<b>This Boat Rocks</b>	Linda Braun
<b>Paddling Patriots</b>	Julie Coleman	<b>Village Dragons</b>	Beth Bowen
<b>Other Attendees</b>			
Blackhearts - Bob Ricks		Paddling Patriots - Dave Bethel, Steve Shaver	
Dirty Dozen - Elly Olesen		Sparta – Ken Loomis	
Leathernecks - Lee Cerovac			

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

#### Secretary's Report:

1. November board meeting minutes were posted prior to meeting
  - a. Cheryl Moran advised that the November meeting minutes regarding the TeamSnap roster are out of order. The issue will be discussed in a later topic during this meeting.
  - b. Motion to approve minutes by Julie Coleman with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Lou Bremer passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- November financial report was reviewed
  - Motion to approve report by John Townley with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary DeFranco passed unanimously.
- Membership stands at 411
- Semi-annual Budget presentation was sent out via email prior to the meeting by Steve Augustine
  - Budget report noted increasing 2024 expenses for awareness
  - The cost of the new 20-man boat and the insurance was not included in the budget as yet.

#### President's Report:

- Lake Hours at Sumter are as follows;
  - 8 AM – 11 AM; Monday – Saturday
  - 3 PM – 4 PM; Monday, Wednesday, Friday
  - 5 PM – 6 PM; Friday

- Beth Bowen offered 3-4 PM practice time to all teams as not all 3 boats are in use by Village Dragons for team practices
- Mary DeFranco must be notified of all additional practices and any changes to practice schedules
- Boat Maintenance team participation
  - Cheryl Moran asked that all teams provide 1 team member per every 20 team members to be on the boat maintenance committee
- Board Emails
  - refer to 11/14/2023 email from GMBDC President
  - Board emails only go to captains. Captains may forward to co-captains.
- Sumter Landing redesign
  - Expected to be completed within 18 months
  - The Villages will continue to provide sand for fill at current boat launch until redesign is complete

#### **Vice President:**

- No update

#### **Boat Maintenance:**

- Boat Task Force Report
  - Maintenance will be completed at Lake Sumter by TBR and at Miona by the Silver Dragons in December.
  - Bill Clark and Ray Baker have sanded and varnished one steering oar at Lake Sumter and are working on completing the other steering oars.
  - Chuck Coogan will be retiring as our boat repair person. A replacement needs to be identified.
    - Elly Olesen suggested finding someone who could be responsible for major repairs that we could offer gift cards to for the service.
  - Lee Cerovac volunteered to make up a list of standard boat maintenance requirements.
  - The boat maintenance committee will meet to review and revise the maintenance schedule and repair/maintenance list.
- New Boat Safety Equipment and cover
  - New 10-man boat needs a rope, an air horn, a number and signage for emergency 911 calls.
  - A motion by Bill Clark, seconded by Beth Bowen, to have John Townley oversee handling covers for the new and old boats and obtaining tarps and bungees for the boat in storage passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Roster Clean up time – Prep for Annual Registration – Strike the action from 11/13/2023 Board Meeting on this matter**
  - The matter regarding non-members on Team Snap rosters from last month's board meeting was declared out of order, null and void based on Roberts Rules #47.
  - Participants who are not paid members must be removed from TeamSnap rosters.
    - Our insurance is based on a per member cost determined by the TeamSnap roster. Including non-paddlers on the roster who haven't paid dues will result in

overpayment of insurance. This was discussed last year and the list was reconciled by Steve Augustine and Linda Braun.

- Members who have left the team need to be removed from the TeamSnap roster
- Team captains should ensure that all members' dues are paid and their waivers have been filled out and returned in a timely manner.
- Captains should remove team members from the roster who haven't paid their dues by February 1 and reinstate them once they pay their dues.
- **New 20 Person Boat**
  - John Townley will contact PanAM to place an order for a new 20-person boat and was authorized to make the 50% down payment of the purchase price.
- **Sale of old 10-man boat**
  - A motion made by John Townley and seconded by Susan Kusan to sell the old 10-person tippy boat passed unanimously.
    - The sale price of the boat and what equipment will be sold with it will be determined by the boat task force. \$4500 was suggested by Cheryl Moran as a price.
    - John Townley will take photos of the boat
    - Cheryl Moran will research online boat sale sites.
    - Linda Braun will check with the purchaser of the old 20-man boats to see if there is interest in the 10-man boat

#### **New Business:**

- **Waivers for 2024**
  - Refer to email that the President sent 11/14/2023
  - Villages Risk Manager requires that all waivers be completed on paper, not electronically, so there will be NO electronic registration for 2024
  - Paper waivers are provided to the Villages annually and to the Insurance company quarterly by the secretary
  - A motion made by Mary DeFranco and seconded by Mary Lou Bremer for GMDBC to pay to have the 4 waivers professionally printed and collated was passed with one abstention.
  - Mary will make arrangements to have the waivers printed.
- **Request from the Heat for Fund raiser mass email**
  - The Heat requested permission to put out an organization wide fundraiser email for their trip to Ravenna.
    - Cheryl Moran will send the email out to all captains and the captains can decide whether or not to forward the email to their team.
- Beth Bowan requested permission to use a head, tail and drum for a dragon boat for a Celebration of Life event being held in January. Permission was granted.
- A motion by Julie Coleman, seconded by Mary DeFranco, to order a new boat cover for the new 20 man boat passed unanimously.
- New team captains are as follows;
  - Leatherneck Warriors captain is Susan Kusan.
  - Sparta 70 captain is Richard (Dick) Kanyon, co-captain is Ken Loomis.
  - Paddling Patriots captain is Dave Bethel, co-captain is Steve Shaver.
  - Eastport Sun Dragons captain is Gail Long
- Race coordinator is Lee Cerovac.

- PanAm is hosting a race at Venetian Gardens in May 2024 per John Townley

**Tabled Items:**

- Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
- Villages regatta – Postponed until opening of Eastport
- Long term Planning for Club
- Next General Meeting –January 2024

**Close**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, January 8<sup>th</sup> at Canal Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 PM, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Sea Breeze Rec Center