

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	Mary DeFranco
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen		Sparta 70	Dick Kanyan
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Leathernecks/Warriors	Robin Lockerby	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Other Attendees			
Dirty Dozen - Ray Vail, co-captain			
Silver Dragons – Colleen Campbell, co-captain			

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

Secretary's Report:

1. December board meeting minutes were posted prior to the meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Linda Braun with 2nd by Mary DeFranco passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

1. December financial report was presented by Treasurer
2. Motion to approve financial report by John Townley with 2nd by Beth Bowen passed unanimously.
3. Membership stands at 411

Semi-Annual Budget Review:

1. Semi-Annual 2023 Budget Review was presented by Treasurer
2. Membership growth led to 37% increase in fair share (boat utilization) from 2022 to 2023
3. Expenses, including the purchase of a 10-person boat, doubled over that same time frame.
4. Motion to retain treasury funds in lieu of paying back fair share to teams by John Townley with 2nd by Mary DeFranco passed unanimously
5. Next Semi-Annual Budget Review will be held in August of 2024

President Report:

1. Leadership – number of boat maintenance helpers versus team members
 - a. Concern was raised as to the ratio of the number of club members to the number of volunteers for boat maintenance
 - b. 1 person per 15 team members should be made available to assist with maintenance

2. All incidents that occur regarding people **and** equipment need to be reported via an Incident Report. Incident report forms can be found on the GMDBC website.

Vice-President Report:

1. No items reported

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Maintenance list
 - i. Warriors will complete assessment, cleaning and basic repairs for boats at Lake Miona for March. Dick Kanyan has provided a list of issues to be addressed per his 1/4/2024 email
 - ii. Village Dragons will complete assessment, cleaning and basic repairs for boats at Lake Sumter for March. Linda Braun has provided a list of issues to be addressed per her 1/6/2024 email
 - b. Gel coat
 - i. Beth will schedule an onsite assessment by Salty Boat Repairs to provide an estimate of gel coat repair along with other recommended repairs to boats at both lakes
 - ii. Scheduling the assessment on a Monday between 11 am and 2 pm will allow for teams to assist with turning boats over to complete that assessment
2. Sale of 2017 10-person BUK Boat
 - a. No current leads on a buyer
 - i. Linda Braun will check with purchaser of previously sold boat
 - ii. Cheryl will pursue creating an online posting for sale
 1. Pictures to be provided to Cheryl by John and/or Steve
 - b. Sale price of \$4500 confirmed
 - i. Boat will be sold with a tiller, drum and seat
3. Boat Repair Kits
 - a. Recommendation was made that a basic repair kit be compiled for each lake, including screws, etc.
 - b. Steve will send Lee the most recent inventory of club items in storage boxes and units.
4. Lee noted damage to inside boat bottoms at Lake Miona.
 - a. Captains, be aware of items taken on the boats which could cause damage to interior boat surfaces
5. Repair of tears in boat covers
 - a. Slit in canvas cover where steering U-bar protrudes is a raw edge and subject to further tears
 - b. John Townley to discuss having raw edges bound with canvas repair person
6. Steering Oars
 - a. Motion to purchase 2 oars from Dynamic Dragon Boat Racing, LLC by Beth Bowen, 2nd by Linda Braun, passed unanimously. Steve will contact and arrange for delivery.
 - b. Motion for a budget of \$500 for that purchase, including delivery, by John Townley, 2nd by Linda Braun, passed unanimously

7. Tracking access to Storage Unit and utilization of contents
 - a. Motion to create storage unit sign in/out clipboard to include access and any movement of items by Mary DeFranco with 2nd by Dick Kanyan passed unanimously.
 - b. Mary will develop sign-in/out document and Steve will ensure it is installed in the storage unit.
 - c. Captains, please sign yourself in/out when accessing the storage unit and note the movement of all items removed from or added to the unit

Old Business:

1. New 20 Person Boat – Order Status
 - a. Ordered, delivery expected in several weeks
2. Roster Clean up time – **Captains be sure TeamSnap is cleaned up**
 - a. Participants who are not paid paddling members need to be removed- they are not to be part of TeamSnap
 - b. Members that have left the team also need to be removed
3. Waivers for 2024 – **The Villages deadline is 02/16/2024**
 - a. Cheryl will provide new insurance waivers to Mary DeFranco
 - b. Mary to have 500 waivers printed and collated
 - c. All 2024 waivers will be on paper as required by our insurance providers
 - d. Captains, please ensure that all team members complete all 4 waivers as quickly as possible after receipt in order to comply with the Villages February 16 deadline.

New Business:

1. Race Coordinator
 - a. Lee provided list of upcoming races which will be sent out to all captains along with the meeting minutes by Laura and posted to the GMDBC website by Linda
 - i. Lee recommended participating in April 27 races in Montgomery, AL by Dynamic Dragon Boat as this is well run event and a fun place to visit
 - ii. For races requiring that participants bring their own boats PanAm will rent boats for about \$150
 - iii. Feb 10 Mad Paddle 7.3 mile race in Tampa
 1. 2 boats from Leathernecks/Sparta will participate
 2. Looking for 1 man and 2 women to join them
 - b. Race results publication
 - i. Captains should provide race results to secretary (Laura)
 - ii. Laura will work with newspaper contacts to get results published
 - iii. Laura will send separate email to captains regarding this topic
2. Warrior team fundraiser
 - a. Request for a club mass mailing detailing a fundraising event in support of team expenses and charitable contributions was submitted
 - b. A motion to approve this mailing by John Townley with a 2nd by Beth Bowen passed unanimously.
 - c. Event will be held February 1st from 6-9 PM at Everglades Rec Center; cost is \$15 per person. See the email for additional information.

3. Parkinson's Event
 - a. Beth Bowen requested to send an email to team captains regarding the Parkinson's Moving Day event to be held at The Villages Polo field on March 16
 - b. Beth will send email with a link to the event details to captains. Captains can forward to their teams
4. April 9th GMDBC Picnic Chairperson
 - a. Cheryl requested a volunteer to chair the April GMDBC Picnic
 - b. A request for a Chairperson for the event will be made at the General Meeting on Jan 9
5. Grant for Canadian team/Hernando Race
 - a. Susan Kusan requested information regarding pursuing grant to bring a Canadian team to a Villages practice/race event
 - b. Noted that GMDBC is not a 501C and may not be eligible to request grants. GMDBC is an incorporated not-for-profit organization, not a charitable entity.
 - c. Reminder that all GMDBC activities must be coordinated with Cheryl and approved by the developer; this applies to all events at BOTH Lake Sumter and Lake Miona
 - d. Reminder that GMDBC may not pay for services due to our status as an incorporated not-for-profit organization, but gratuities may be given.
6. SRDBA rep- Senior D request
 - a. USDBF has not approved a Sr. D division; Sr. D races are currently a festival activity only
 - b. Teams requesting Sr. D division races from festival organizers could help to promote inclusion of this division. Including Sr D races will provide for a more even playing field for many of our teams who are currently racing against 50 year old opponents.
 - c. Interested teams can put age 70 plus teams (including composite teams) together for races

Tabled Items:

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

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, February 12th at Canal St Rec Center

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