

## Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

### Board Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024

#### Attendance:

<b>President</b>	Absent	<b>Vice President</b>	Mary DeFranco
<b>Treasurer</b>	Steve Augustine	<b>Secretary</b>	Laura Reynolds
<b>Captains:</b>			
<b>Blackhearts</b>	Mary Lou Bremer	<b>Silver Dragons</b>	John Townley
<b>Dirty Dozen</b>		<b>Sparta 70</b>	Dick Kanyan
<b>Eastport Sun Dragons</b>	Gail Long	<b>Sunset Island Dragons</b>	Mary Lou for Bill Clark
<b>Leathernecks/Warriors</b>	Susan Kusan	<b>This Boat Rocks</b>	
<b>Paddling Patriots</b>	Dave Bethel	<b>Village Dragons</b>	Beth Bowen
<b>Other Attendees</b>			
PaddlinguPatriots – Beverly Hudson			
Sparta 70 – Ken Loomis, Lee Cerovac			
Silver Dragons – Colleen Campbell			

**Opening:** Mary called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM

#### Secretary's Report:

1. December board meeting minutes were posted prior to the meeting
  - a. Motion to approve minutes by John Townley with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Bowen passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

1. February financial report was presented by Steve Augustine

#### President's Report:

1. Race Classes
  - a. Received positive emails from GWN and Pan Am to consider changing Senior C race class from age 55+ to 60+. Teams with younger members will have the option to race in Senior B. See emails from Cheryl regarding changes to upcoming GWN races.
    - i. Gail raised concerns regarding when the decision was made to pursue this change as they have already registered for races as Sr C and will now have to exclude some team members
    - ii. This has been a long-standing discussion topic and Mary reminded all that we negotiate as a club, not as individual teams
    - iii. Teams may pull in paddlers from other teams to fill a race roster at the ages needed to be competitive
  - b. Cheryl will be meeting with Mike Kirkman, in person, to discuss this and Senior D soon. She will report back to the Board.

2. Reminder: No tires or other devices are to be attached as a drag to the boat ever. Any teams violating this ruling will have a grievance submitted to the Board for review and a possible penalty assessed to the team to be determined by the Board of Directors.
  - a. Dick reported that this has previously occurred over many years and that he could not find anything in the club by-laws referring to this topic
  - b. It was noted that this practice could cause damage to boats, injuries to paddlers and risk of insurance coverages due to potential injuries
  - c. Decision was to cease and desist this practice until further discussion at next meeting where Cheryl can provide her input
3. Repurposing of inoperable purple boat in storage
  - a. Boat is being considered by the Villages for a repurposing. If they do not use it, a GMDBC member will make a cash donation for part of the hull before we disassemble it for parts.

**Vice-President's Report:**

1. No items reported

**Boat Maintenance:**

1. Boat Task Force Report
  - a. Seat 4 on boat 4 at Sumter is being repaired today; other seats are also being checked for repairs
  - b. Maintenance list – Lee
    - i. 10-person PerSheng boat at Lake Miona
      1. Noted a crack covered with tape at the center bottom of the boat which is allowing some water to accumulate in the stern
        - a. Teams should open rear plugs below the steerers platform and raise the stern of the boat to drain after practices
        - b. Lee will discuss repairs with PanAm
    - ii. 20-person boat at Lake Sumter
      1. Noted a long crack inside the hull on the starboard side
      2. Not creating issues as yet, but teams should open ports to let water out after use
  - c. Gel coat inspection report -Beth/Linda
    - i. Estimate for repairs for all boats is \$13,550.00
    - ii. Cheryl recommends that we proceed with boat repairs in order to
      1. Ensure proper maintenance of boats
      2. Prevent to problems from worsening
      3. Create a larger repair expense down the road
    - iii. Discussion;
      1. This is an emergent need as we have already lost the use of one boat
      2. The repair process is very tedious and time consuming; requiring proper ventilation/respiration equipment and long drying times
      3. As other estimates require that we trailer the boats to the repair locations it was recommended that we gather additional information



- a. Captains should provide Lee with info as to which races teams want to attend in order to pursue discounts

#### **New Business**

1. Nominations for Treasurer and Vice President open April 1, 2024
  - a. Nominees present themselves at General meeting in May
  - b. Election for two weeks following the meeting
  - c. New Officers begin July 1, 2024
2. Eastport inquired about bringing in an outside coach
  - a. Any person on a GMDBC boat must be a Villager, including coaches
    - i. Guest pass is not acceptable
  - b. No payments can be made to outside entities by the team or any team member
  - c. Request needs to go through Cheryl to be approved by John Rohan

#### **Tabled Items:**

1. Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
2. Villages regatta – Postponed until opening of Eastport
3. Long term Planning for Club
4. General Meeting – April (picnic) May, October
5. Laura Reynolds Sports Reporter Activity

#### **Close**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM

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

Next General Meeting will be the club picnic at Sea Breeze Rec Center on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm