Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024

Attendance:

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President	Absent	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	Mary Lou for Bill Clark
Leathernecks/Warriors	Susan Kusan	This Boat Rocks	
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Other Attendees			
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 2nd 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.
 - 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.

- 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
 - 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

- from PanAm (Lee) and the Heat and Dragon Sisters teams (John) as to their experiences and/or recommendations
- 4. A confirmation of the total repair costs should be procured by Cheryl
- A motion by Dick, seconded by Beth, to proceed with pursuing a club vote to approve the repairs, once the price is confirmed and locked in, passed unanimously
- Captains requested that the repair schedule be coordinated to minimize impacts to race schedules and practices and that only 1 boat be removed from each lake at a time
- d. Do we need to order a replacement boat for damaged one?
 - i. 1583 Boat hours reported for 2023
 - ii. Hold for additional discussion on status of new boat
- e. Lee provided boats for sale list from 22 Dragons and PanAM
 - i. AUGUST PAN AM
 - 1. 1 Buk 20 person -\$8,900 New
 - 2. 2 PerSheng Buk 20 person \$7,500 New
 - 3. 4 festival small boats \$6,500 New
 - ii. SEPTEMBER 22 Dragons
 - 1. IDBF boats used at Atlanta 20 person \$7,500
 - 2. 10 person \$6,000
 - 3. This was a discounted price at the Worlds; looking closer to 9K now
 - iii. Lee will pursue current prices if asked
- 2. Sale of 2017 BUK Boat
 - a. No leads or updates
 - b. Perhaps advertise at races to drum up business
 - i. John going to Port Ritchie next Saturday; will spread the word there
 - c. Lee has a lead on selling the 10-person boat
 - i. Laura to send approved sale price to Lee
- 3. Frame Repair status
 - a. Getting estimate for thicker PVC pipe to rebuild a frame with more solid material
 - b. Dick will provide update at next meeting

Old Business:

- 1. New 20 Person Boat Order Status
 - a. Expected to arrive by end of March
 - b. Need further discussion as to where to put the new boat
- 2. April Picnic April 9, 2024 6:30
 - a. At Sea Breeze, will be inside if needed
 - b. Estimate 100 people to attend; budget is \$500
 - i. Cost is about \$400 from Publix for sandwich trays
 - ii. Extra supplies (paper goods, trash bags, etc) and sides (potato salad/coleslaw) will be provided
 - iii. Attendees should bring appetizers and desserts to share
- 3. Race Co-Ordinator Report

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 8th at Canal St Rec Center

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