

Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2024

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	absent
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen		Sparta 70	
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Leathernecks/Warriors	Susan Kusan	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Other Attendees			
Dirty Dozen – Steve Printz			
Silver Dragons – Colleen Campbell			
Sparta 70 – Ken Loomis			

Opening: Cheryl called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM

Secretary's Report:

1. April board meeting minutes were posted prior to the meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by John with 2nd by Mary Lou passed unanimously.
2. Race results reporting update
 - a. Articles on recent races were composed by Dick and Laura and published in the Village News. Article on Homosassa Rodeo will be published soon.
 - b. Linda will post provided updates to the GMDBC Facebook page

Treasurer's Report:

1. April financial report was presented by Steve Augustine
 - a. Current member count is 372
 - b. Motion to approve report by Linda with 2nd by Dave passed unanimously.

President's Report:

1. Two compliance issues were reported and properly addressed by Cheryl
2. Design plans for improved Sumter Landing launch area are moving forward
3. Embracing the Youth
 - a. Recent combined Villages High School Band and Villages Band concert experience encouraged and inspired a future for youth dragon boating; potential for club growth

Vice-President's Report:

1. Hydrilla issues in the water are addressed by EPA schedule
 - a. Note that the water levels are low so the hydrilla appears to be worse than usual

2. Avoiding sand in the bottom of the boats will minimize damage to the gel coat. Please ensure that boats are cleaned out properly and that paddlers are aware of sandy feet going into the boats
3. Dock box contents also need to be cared for; there should be nothing wet, including rags, in the boxes. Teams should not store rags or sponges used to clean boats in the dock boxes.
 - a. Beth and Linda will compose a memo to go out to the general membership for awareness

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Maintenance list
 - i. Susan will follow up with Lee on status of list
 - b. Gel coat repair estimate
 - i. Club vote was completed; repairs are approved to proceed
 1. 188 votes for completing repairs; 4 against
 - ii. Plan to execute repairs
 1. Scheduling an assessment of boats by Pan Am for a second quote
 2. This estimate will include transportation of boats for repairs
 - c. Boats in storage will be moved to a temporary storage location while maintenance occurs at the current storage location on May 22
 - d. Gunwale repairs have been completed on boats at Lake Sumter
 - e. Broken boat dolly at Lake Sumter
 - i. Village Dragons will fix broken PVC on the axle
2. Sale of 2014 BUK Boat
 - a. Possible buyer in Tampa that Cheryl is following up with
 - b. Captains please promote sale of this boat thru Facebook or other means
 - c. Steve and Laura will coordinate with potential buyers
3. Frame Repair status
 - a. Repair options report was previously sent out by Ken Loomis
 - b. Per Ken, Dick said that Warriors would build a frame for the 10-person boat
 - i. Motion by Laura, with second by Linda, that the club move forward with the Warriors building a frame for the 10-person boat was unanimously approved
 - c. Four remaining frames need to be built
 - i. Will reach out to general club membership at the General Meeting and via email for volunteers. Beth, Linda and Laura will coordinate this effort.
4. Non-seaworthy boat (Purple Boat)
 - a. The Villages decision on taking this boat is pending

Old Business

1. New 20 Person Boat – Order Status
 - a. No update; John will pursue a delivery date
 - b. Need to find out who can/will wrap boat
2. Race Co-Ordinator Report
 - a. No update

3. Nominations for Treasurer and Vice President are closed
 - a. One nomination for Vice President
 - i. Lee Cerovak nominated Don Lies
 - b. One nomination for Treasurer
 - i. Linda Braun nominated Steve Augustine
4. Sales event scheduled for May 10 cancelled due to wind
 - a. Sales team plans to reschedule; will need pre-approval by the developer
 - b. Safety Officer will create, at request of the Developer, a written document on dragon boating requirements (physical and safety) to be provided for new paddlers at events

New Business:

1. Camp Villages – June 18 and July 9
 - a. 28 volunteers to date
 - b. Waiting on final count of campers
 - c. Captains please ask that volunteers sign up with Linda

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 – October 8th

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, June 10th at Canal St Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 pm on May 14th at Seabreeze Rec Center