

GMDBC Board Meeting Monday, November 11, 2024

**Attending: Cheryl Moran, President
Donnie Lies, Vice President
Steve Augustine, Treasurer
Linda Braun for Laura Reynolds, Secretary**

**Board: Blackheart—Lynn Feeks
Dirty Dozen—Karen Ness
TBR—Linda Braun
Paddling Patriots—Dave Bethel
Silver Dragons—John Townley
Warriors—Robin Lockerby
Sun Dragons—Lynn Maready
Sparta 70—Ken Loomis
Village Dragons—Beth Bowen
Sunset Island—**

Meeting started at 13:03.

Secretary's report-motion to accept by John Townley, 2nd Ken Loomis, passed unanimously.

Treasurer report (Laura, leaving the details to you) 1 new member, info on IRS filing. There was discussion about the extra cost of the interior repairs, which ran \$200 over the estimate, but was still under the \$5000 limit for the need to vote on approval of additional monies. The interior repair will thus be considered separate from the original estimate to repair and gel coat the exterior of all of the GM boats. It was noted that the new member packets are budgeted under marketing and the board luncheon was budgeted under admin costs. Motion to approve by Lynn Feeks, 2nd by Beth Bowen, passed unanimously.

President Report; Cheryl requested all captains encourage their team members to attend the safety meeting, reminding us of the CO2 cartridge raffle and member giveaways. She asked if anyone had checked the lake this morning and John T volunteered to check tomorrow. As the dock dries out and we can get an idea of the condition of the boardwalk and ramp leading to the floating dock, Cheryl will contact Mr. Rohan about opening the lake to dragon boat practice if repairs can be made in a timely manner. It was noted that the sand under the storage box at Lake Sumter has washed away and the box needs to be supported in some manner. Ken Looms and Donnie Lies volunteered to figure out a way to assure the box is properly supported.

It was brought up by Cheryl that the board might have to think about eventually splitting the Grand Masters to cover teams down at Eastport.

Vice President report: Donnie advised that his contact with the Daily Sun had been transferred so he was working with a different reporter to get a regular column about dragon boat activities. Cheryl suggested that he hold off on marketing and recruiting through the Sun until Lake Sumter reopens due to the difficulties of parking and scheduling at Lake Miona. Donnie then discussed his ideas of the Safety B-Ready task force and requested the team captains start soliciting the medically trained members of individual teams to be on the task force. It was brought up that some teams may not have nurses or medically trained team members.

Boat Maintenance; Bill Clark and volunteers are taking the 10 man tippy boat to Hernando to donate it to the K2N team who lost one of their boats in the hurricanes. The purple boat was moved to the ground at the storage lot. Steve Augustine made a motion that the purple boat be disassembled by members of the GMDBC with the seats and parts to be storage as replacements. Donnie Lies 2nd, passed unanimously. Bill Clark volunteered in absentia to head a group of volunteers to disassemble the boat.

Beth Bowen explained what contact she has had with the man doing the gel coat on the boats. A question was raised about the cost of the interior repair and how the interior became so damaged in the first place. It was explained that members throwing hard water containers had a great deal to do with that and that captains should talk to their team members about not throwing their water containers into the boat while boarding. Beth requested that someone else be found to head the boat maintenance team. John Townley suggested we make an announcement at the GM general meeting on Tuesday, November 12 asking for a volunteer to head the committee.

The AED at Lake Sumter is being maintained by Mary DeFranco and is in working order. The AED at Lake Miona is not functional. Mary DeFranco contacted the Public Works Department in September to notify them that the AED was dead. Doug Johnson has been handling the Lake Miona AED issue and it was suggested that he contact commissioner Don Wiley who has supported the Grand Masters at Lake Miona.

Old business: Robin Lockerby will work to reschedule the Lake Sumter Rodeo in the spring, although it is difficult to find dates that are open that would allow sufficient parking for dragon boat team members and Villages both. It was suggested that perhaps the rodeo be delayed until the opening of Eastport where there will be sufficient parking and no issues with scheduling of events.

Inter team activities are being placed on hold due to Lake Sumter being closed.

Donnie requested board members where their new GMDBC shirts to the general meeting on Tuesday for group photos.

Meeting closed at 14:00.