

ERDBA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

MEETING DATE / TIME	03/19/2022
CALLED TO ORDER	1:04PM
ATTENDEES	<u>Officers:</u> Ellen Law, Heather Sullivan, Colleen Kunz, Linda Frusciano <u>Directors:</u> Erica Bernstein, Erin Davis, Jeffrey Wong, John Sullivan, Josh Rubinstein, Kathleen Schmidt, Matyus, Wei Chen, Wendy Schwartz, Veeravan Mahadomrongkul and these duplicate team reps and therefore not qualified to vote: Allen Huang, Meg Fasy <u>Location:</u> ZOOM CALL
NOTE TAKER	Linda Frusciano, Secretary

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES	Passed 35-3 on pre-agm ballot
OFFICER REPORTS	
<p>PRESIDENT, Ellen Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board of Directors is at 51, which requires 26 for a quorum. With 14 on the call, this meeting is without a quorum. ● 83% of our board voted on the 2022 budget and 71% on the pre-meeting Admin tasks. ● 2021 ERDBA Accomplishments included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hosted call with other Regional Presidents to allow conversations on how we support our members. ○ We had a Regional Championships, with 6 teams winning the ERDBA regional title. ○ At the Sarasota US Nationals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8 ERDBA teams won US National Championship Titles. ■ 17 of the 18 ERDBA teams that entered, earned bids for the 2022 IDBF Club Crew World Championships. ● Facebook and the website continue to serve as our primary tools for sharing the latest information. ● BOD approved the 2022-2027 update to our 5 strategic year plan. The initial 2016 draft provided a regional direction that is currently unmatched among the other USDBF regions. Prior to 2016, we only offered a free entry into the NYC rowing regatta. Since the passing of the 2016 5 year strategic plan, our budget is now more focused on adding value to our membership through supporting education, training and development. ● ERDBA dragon boat equipment discount program posted on the website. ● Remind all directors to join the ERDBA Director's facebook page. On this page all directors may promote their club programs and festivals that may not be ERDBA sanctioned. ● Our insurer warned there may be some changes to the process for renewing your USDBF insurance for liability and D&O coverage. For a small fee they will set up digital waivers. ● CONGRATS to 3 ERDBA members who were named to IDBF's inaugural Hall of Fame. They were the only ones awarded from the US. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bob and Peggy Morro - in recognition as a developer of the sport. They ran the first US Nationals in 2000, and hosted the Philly 2001 IDBF World Championships. They were selected due to their work on establishing standards for the race officials. ○ Kevin McFadden - in recognition as an athlete. A life-long PDDBA member, he's been racing on the TEAM USA premier crew for over 20 years and 13 World Championships. This included 2 Nations Cup. 	
<p>VICE PRESIDENT, Heather Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Election results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ellen Law returns as our ERDBA President as she ran unopposed. ○ Chezza Martineau returns as our ERDBA representative on the USDBF Board of Directors as she was also unopposed. ○ Congratulations to Marie Eagen from the Cooper River DBC. Her term for the position as secretary begins at the conclusion of this meeting. She received 18 votes to Marvin Souza's 14 votes. There were 4 voters who abstained and 2 invalid voters. The invalid voters' ballot was rejected because they were made by secondary directors when primary director already cast their vote. ● Ambassador Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Safesport now sell heir programs in batches of 10. Luckily we already have 10 signups and hopefully more. ■ ERDBA hosted 2 free steering clinics in 2021. One in Marietta, OH hosted by MOV'n Dragons and the other in DC hosted by DC Dragons. ■ We proctored an exchange of a dragon boat from one crew to an upstart team in New England. ■ Sponsored ERDBA members to attend the USDBF Race Officials clinic ■ Sponsored 2 youth teams in ERDBA festivals. ■ Look to facebook for upcoming Meet and Greet calls for the CCWC and TEAM USA. ■ If you want to host a steering clinic or Coaching seminar - make your request on the CONTACT US page on the erdba.net website. Remember, ERDBA will fund the travel of the clinician for these Programs - which are free to all ERDBA members. 	
<p>TREASURER, Colleen Kunz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2020 Financial report was filed with the IRS. ● Bank Balance as of December = includes our \$20k Reserve ● We are looking to move our bank account to....because Bank of America has been very difficult to work with. ● The 2021 Financials are posted on the website. \$2k of expenses will be booked in 2022 as the checks were not cashed in 2021. ● The ERDBA Board of Directors approved a \$26k budget for 2022. ● We have a new member festival: Gilda's of New Hampshire. It appears Baltimore DBC will not renew their ERDBA membership and they will not be hosting a dragon boat festival this year. We offered to host an ERDBA on site to help them drum up membership, but haven't heard. ● We expect the return of Hartford and Pawtucket to return to ERDBA. ● July 1 is the deadline for our 2022 supplemental budget. 	

SECRETARY, Linda Frusciano

- ERDBA Directors approved the current Draft of the 2021 AGM Minutes by a vote of 34 approvals of 2 abstained
- ERDBA Directors approved \$3,050 funding of an ERDBA Grant Committee by a vote of 29 approvals, 4 disapprove, 3 abstained.
- More Directors joined the call late, but still not enough for a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Matthew Au, the USDBF Social Media & PR Coordinator, 2023 TEAM USA assistant youth coach and chair of the ERDBA Youth Committee. He also served as the Expert AND Color commentating at the US Nationals.
 - Commenting about his experience and Youth Dragon boating.
- Tommy Leonardi - USDBF Board of Directors:
 - 58 bids awarded for the Nationals; 18 went to ERDBA teams
 - teams may petition for a bid for spots still available for CCWC.
 - USDBF reduced fees for Youth from \$55 to \$25

OLD BUSINESS

- none

NEW BUSINESS

- Brett Haug - Population is aging: can we create a 65+ or 70+ racing category?

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