

# ERDBA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting

## MINUTES

MEETING DATE / TIME	04/18/24
CALLED TO ORDER	8:06PM
DIRECTOR ATTENDEES	<p><u>Officers:</u> Ellen Law, Heather Sullivan, Lavina Chan.</p> <p><u>Directors:</u> Ali Adams (Schuylkill Dragons), Danny Martinez (Catch 22), Donna Wilson (Empire DB Team), Erin Minner (Annapolis DB Foundation), Greg Cranshaw (Century DBC), Henry Chow (Penn DDBC), I-Tien Yeh (National Capital Area Women's Paddling), Jeff Wang (Boston DBF), Jennifer Potter (Valkyrie Dragons), Jenny Yu (United East Athletic A), Joanne Hoffmann (Cooper River DBF), John Sullivan (Relentless DBC), Josh Rubinstein (DC DBC), Kathleen Schnaidt (Wellness Warriors), Kevin Chan (Boston BBB), Lily Glaser (Lonely Dragons), Lily Ting (Boston 1), Lisa O'Connor (Hope in the Boat), Robert Randolph (Steel City Dragons), Robin Esposito (Dragons Alive), Shelly Slott (Philadelphia Flying Phoenix), Sunny Chan (DCH-NY), Tara Donnelly (NJDBC), Tommy Leonardi (Philly DBA), Veeravan Mahadomrongkul (Ohana-NE), Wei Chen (Philadelphia Chinatown DBT), Wendy Schwartz (Cooper River DBC).</p> <p><u>Location:</u> ZOOM CALL</p>
NOTE TAKER	Ellen Law, President (As of 4/18/24: 27 members + 3 Officers = 30 Directors present)

## AGENDA

QUORUM	Quorum requirement for voting on motions of 34 not met.
OFFICER REPORTS	
<p><b>PRESIDENT, Ellen Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2024 Election Results:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ellen Law - returns as President, unopposed</li> <li>○ Marie Eagen also returns as our ERDBA Secretary, also having run unopposed.</li> <li>○ Chezza Martineau also returns as our ERDBA representative on the USDBF Board of Directors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 2023 ERDBA Accomplishments             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kudos to our ERDBA teams in guiding the USDBF in their guidelines for the CCWC qualifications. Our Zoom calls helped to point out some of the issues and the resulting offering proved itself in the recent IDBF statement about defining a club crew.</li> <li>○ Unique in the US, our ERDBA members each have one seat on our Board of Directors. This provides us with a greater range of input on how to serve the region. Each year, our members decide on the programs to fund. We operate with the goal of fulfilling the objectives of our 5 year strategic plan.</li> <li>○ We added 2 new programs to our budget. A \$3000 grant program in which to fund a Grand Committee who decides on the amount and destination of the awards. And we agreed to show our appreciation for our regional members who also serve as TEAM USA Head and Assistant Coaches. We recognized the benefit to our regional dragon boaters by having access to these individuals and voted to reimburse these coaches for their National team-related expenses up to \$1500.</li> <li>○ Hosted an annual G4 conference Call with my fellow regional presidents. This is a forum I created when I was first elected ERDBA president to allow conversations on how we support our members. ERDBA continues to be unique in how our membership drives our regional financial and budget decisions.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ERDBA was again the ONLY region to host a regional championship.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 7 festival membership fees waived in 2023 for the events run by our member clubs. This is the result of an approved amendment at our last AGM to show support for our clubs who put these races for the region.</li> <li>○ 18 teams participated in the ERDBA regional championships. 6 teams won the ERDBA regional championship.</li> <li>○ 38 ERDBA teams competed at the USDBF Sarasota Club Crew National Championships - the most of any region. 27 ERDBA teams won bids to the 2024 IDBF CCWC in Ravenna, Italy. We won 13 US National championship Titles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● REMINDERS:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facebook and the website continue to serve as our primary tools for sharing the latest information.</li> <li>○ ERDBA dragon boat equipment discount program posted on the website. Includes paddles, pfd's, saddles</li> <li>○ Directors should join the ERDBA Director's facebook page to promote their club programs / events regardless of ERDBA sanctioning.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT, Heather Sullivan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our Ambassador program sponsored several free member events in 2023             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ We covered the registration fee for 1 ERDBA members to attend USDBF race officials training</li> <li>■ Weekend youth paddling clinic in Philly attended by 20 participants and supported by 3 coaches</li> </ul> </li> <li>● This year a steering clinic is scheduled in Cleveland, June 8. In the works is a steering clinic and coaching seminar planned for the New England area and Bucks county.</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● In 2023 we added 3 new clubs (Century DBC, Maine DBC, United East Athletic Association) and 2 festival (Poconos DB Races and Solomons Dragon Boat Festival)</li> <li>● We had a total of 58 members in 2023.</li> <li>● Our ERDBA team is working on finalizing the google drive for teams to prove their members for the CCWC.</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	

TREASURER, Lavina Chan

- The 2023 Financial report was filed with the IRS.
- Bank Balance as of December 31 was \$64,820.62 includes our \$20k reserve established in 2020.
- The draft of the 2023 Financial reports are posted on the website.
- ERDBA received the USDBF rebate check \$2795 for 2022 registrations. This was paid out by checks to our member clubs whose members paid for a USDBF membership in 2022.
- We have about 2k in 2023 related expenses that didn't make the 2023 financials. So, expect to have these hit in our 2024 reporting.
- Thanks to all the directors who took the time to vote on the 2024 budget.
- We will still keep open a supplemental budget period thru June 1 for anyone who may request funding for additional programs for our 2024 season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ERDBA Committees
  - Erica Bernstein for setting up an ACP paddling session at the Pottstown paddle pool this past December.
  - We are looking for someone to fill in for Matthew Au as chair of the Youth Committee - as he will be moving out to the west coast this year. He has served this group well, having set up 2 ERDBA sponsored youth paddling clinics. Interested candidates should reach out to me via the "contact page" on the ERDBA website.
  - January event in Sarasota's Nathan Benderson Park as sort of a mini-IBCPC. It's a 4 day event on January 22-25, 2025. A link to this event will be posted on the ERDBA website home page. Dr. Don McKenzie will be in attendance.
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- National and International competition by Ellen.  
Now that the IDBF Club Crew bids have been taken back by USDBF, ERDBA teams are forced to travel on the "off years" to compete for those bids at the US Nationals. We are proving to be a well travelled and successful region. With more teams attending the US Nationals from ERDBA this reflects the growth and depth of our membership. With 4 TEAM USA Head Coaches and 2 TEAM USA Assistant coaches based out of ERDBA, our region continues to excel. Kudos to everyone for their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

- 22 Dragons confirm the dates and site of the 2025 Pan Am Federation races as the July 3-6, 2025 at the Montreal Olympic Basin. Participation requires ERDBA membership.
- We implemented Colleen Kunz's motion to waive the ERDBA Festival member dues for the 2023-2025 seasons for festivals run by member club teams.

NEW BUSINESS

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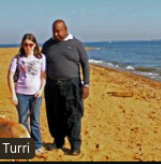

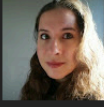


POST MEETING NOTES

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Jim Morris <small>Jim Morris</small>	 <small>Karen L. DCDBC</small>	Colleen Kunz <small>Colleen Kunz</small>	 <small>Wendy Schwartz</small>	 <small>Matthew Au</small>
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Mary C <small>Mary C</small>	Len Yang-DCH <small>Len Yang-DCH</small>	 <small>Erica B (she/her, ACP)</small>	erindavis <small>erindavis</small>	Chip Park <small>Chip Park</small>
 <small>Wei Chen (he/him)</small>	Kathleen <small>Kathleen</small>	 <small>Veera (Ohana New England)</small>	Alice <small>Alice</small>	 <small>Matt Chin</small>

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 <small>Matt Chin</small>	 <small>Rene Roberts_Nijinsky</small>	 <small>ellen law</small>	 <small>Helen Quach</small>	Julia <small>Julia</small>
Chris Wetzel <small>Chris Wetzel</small>	 <small>Brandon Chan (Boston 1)</small>	 <small>brett haug</small>	Rosanne - Mov'n Dragons <small>Rosanne - Mov'n Dragons</small>	deborahgolden <small>deborahgolden</small>
 <small>Tracey Turri</small>	 <small>Danny Martinez</small>	 <small>Leila Gonzalez</small>	iPhone <small>iPhone</small>	Carolyn Lee <small>Carolyn Lee</small>
Tara Donnelly <small>Tara Donnelly</small>	Kevin Chan <small>Kevin Chan</small>	Robin's iPad <small>Robin's iPad</small>	Josh Rubinstein <small>Josh Rubinstein</small>	 <small>Cooper River Dragon Boat Training</small>
Bdbf - Kai <small>Bdbf - Kai</small>	Thomas Hull <small>Thomas Hull</small>	 <small>Amy (She/Her/她)</small>	Thomas Hull <small>Thomas Hull</small>	Zoom user <small>Zoom user</small>