

ERDBA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

MEETING DATE / TIME	3/6/25
CALLED TO ORDER	8:06PM
DIRECTOR ATTENDEES	<p><u>Officers:</u> Ellen Law, Lavina Chan <u>Directors:</u> Alan Lee (UEAA), Bob Randolph (Steel City Dragons), Colleen Cranshaw (Century Dragons), Danny Martinez (Catch 22), Emma Thomas (Schuylkill Dragons), Erica Bernstein (Wellness Warriors), Helen Quach (Living Root), Jenny Chen, Jim Morris (IDBR), Joanne Hoffman (Cooper DBF), Joanne Tsang (Boston BBB), Karen Littlewood (DCDBC), Kevin Chan (Boston BBB), Lily Ting (Boston B1), Molly Helfet (Empire Dragons), Noreen Gill (Hope in the Boat), Paul Alba (Penn Dragons), Sandy Hirsch (Hearts of Steel), Shelly Slott (Philly Flying Phoenix), Suzan Ordile (Machestic Dragons), Tara Donnelly (NJDBC), Tommy Leonardi (PDBA), Tony P (Jayavarman Rising), Veera Mahadomrongkul (Ohana NE), Wei Chen (Philly Chinatown DBT). [22+2 directors] <u>Location:</u> ZOOM CALL</p>
NOTE TAKER	Ellen Law, President

AGENDA

QUORUM	Quorum requirement for voting on motions of 31 not met.
OFFICER REPORTS	
<p>PRESIDENT, Ellen Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025 Election Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heather Sullivan - returns as Vice President, unopposed ○ Silvia Lee applied to succeed Mr Chun Wing Louie on USDBF Technical and Race Committee representing ERDBA ○ Lavina Chan - returns as Treasurer, unopposed. ○ Karen Littlewood and Chrissy Souder will serve as ERDBA reps on the USDBF board of Directors. ○ 2024 ERDBA Accomplishments ○ Hosted call with US Regional Presidents. ERDBA continues to be unique in our focus on membership development and education. ○ Our members conducted 19 ERDBA Sanctioned Festivals ○ We hosted the only regional championship in the US ○ 6 teams won Regional championships out of 15 team entries ○ 29 ERDBA teams competed at IDBF Ravenna Club Crew World Championships - the most of any USDBF region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ PDBA finished 2nd overall, the highest of any US crew at any CCWC! Bucks finished at 30 and Wellness Warriors at 38th position. ■ Kudos to our other ERDBA crew who took home medals: Bucks, PDBA (2 world championship titles) and Wellness Warriors. ■ Shout out to the other ERDBA teams who competed: Boston BBB, Boston Taiwanese Boat Club, Catch 22 NYC, DB DBC, Dragon Dream Team, Dragon Heart Vt, Empire Dragons, Penn Dragons, Philadelphia Flying Phoenix, United East Assoc. ● REMINDERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facebook and the website continue to serve as our primary tools for sharing the latest information. ○ ERDBA dragon boat equipment discount program posted on the website. Includes paddles, pfd's, saddles ○ Directors should join the ERDBA Director's facebook page to promote their club programs / events regardless of ERDBA sanctioning. 	
<p>VICE PRESIDENT, Ellen for Heather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ambassador Program sponsored several free events in 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 164 individuals attended our ERDBA steering clinics and coaching seminar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 133 candidates attended steering clinics in Boston, Cleveland, Bucks, DC and NJ ■ 31 candidates attended coaching workshops in Boston and DC. ■ Collected \$175 from non-ERDBA members participating in our clinics and workshops. ■ 29 individuals participated in Safesport Training ■ Post request on CONTACT US on ERDBA.net if you want to host a steering clinic or Coaching seminar. ERDBA will fund the travel of the clinician for these Programs - attendance is free to all ERDBA members. 	
<p>TREASURER, Lavina Chan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2023 Financial report was filed with the IRS. ● December 31, 2024 bank balance = \$68,873 (\$64k in Bank of America, \$1.7k in Paypal, \$2.5 in Affinity), includes our 20K reserve established in 2020. ● We have 69 club/festival members. We added 8 new Clubs: 4 new festivals ● 8 festival annual membership dues were waived because they were hosted by member clubs in good standing. ● All our 2025 Budget proposals passed. ● June 1 is the deadline for our 2025 supplemental budget. Submit a budget proposal form to officers before June 15 for consideration. ● Submit your application for access to ERDBA Grant. This is for unexpected dragon boat expenses or for dragon boat development. 	
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Interest Report from Erica Bernstein - the successes and challenges of the 1st US version of the IBCPC BCP event in Sarasota called, "Unleash the Dragons". This was a 4 day ACP and BCP event and well attended, giving attendees opportunities to race, train and network with dragon boaters from around the world. Hosting ACP coach webinar. 	

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OLD BUSINESS	
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- none to address from the last meeting.
- ERDBA will continue to schedule a pre-vote call for anyone who may want to have a discussion or clarification on items up for a vote.

NEW BUSINESS	
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- Matt Roberts - 2025 PanAm Federation races scheduled in Montreal's Olympic Basin in conjunction with the 22 Dragons Montreal Challenge. Expect to be in July 3-6, 2025.
- NYDB Alliance formed from the NY-based teams in Flushing are dealing with the loss of the Flushing marina space to enable them to speak in one voice. Currently crews are rolling their dragon boats up and down a boat ramp. The NYDBA are also working with the Guardians of Flushing Bay to find solutions.
- IDBR is hoping to field a Wounded Warrior crew this year in the Philly races.
- Considering a 4 day ERDBA DB camp in Florida.

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POST MEETING NOTES	
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