

ERDBA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

MEETING DATE / TIME	3/5/26
CALLED TO ORDER	8:01PM
DIRECTOR ATTENDEES	<p><u>Officers:</u> Ellen Law, Heather Sullivan, Lavina Chan <u>Directors:</u> Alan Lee (UEAA), Carolyn Cristofalo (Hope Afloat), Colleen Cranshaw (Century Dragons), Danny Martinez (Catch 22), Emma Thomas (Schuylkill Dragons), Helen Quach (Living Root), I-Tien Yeh (NCAWPA), Jim Morris (IDBR), Joanne Hoffman (Cooper DBF), Josh Rubinstein (DCDBC), Linda Dyer (Dragon Heart Vt), Lisa O'Connor (Hope in the Boat), Karyn Leong (UNYTED), Kathy Wheeler (Springfield DBF), Paul Alba (Penn Dragons), Rachel Levey (Paradise City DB), Rosanne Buell (MOV'n / Gretchan Fieldmaier DB), Shelly Slott (Philly Flying Phoenix), Tommy Leonardi (PDBA), Veera Mahadomrongkul (Ohana NE), Wei Chen (Philly Chinatown DBT), Wendy Schwartz (Cooper River DBC). [23+3 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"> ● 2026 Election Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ellen Law - returns as President, unopposed ○ Marie Eagen - returns as Secretary, unopposed ○ 2025 ERDBA Accomplishments ○ ERDBA continues to be unique across the nation in its focus on membership development and education. ○ Our members hosted 22 ERDBA Sanctioned Festivals, 2 were new festivals: NY International and Port Washington ○ We still host the only regional championship in the US ○ 21 teams participated in the ERDBA regional Championships. ○ 44 ERDBA teams competed at the USDBF Sarasota Club Crew National Championships. 12 US National Titles were awarded to ERDBA teams. 28 teams won bids to the 2026 IDBF CCWC in Taiwan. This includes special bids to two of our youth teams. Ohana and Pathways. ● ERDBA Hall of Fame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The officers are so proud to help move the ERDBA Hall of Fame process forward. We recognized that being one of largest, and older regions in the country, that this would be a way to recognize and save our 40 year legacy. And Mr Chungwing Louie of the Wall Street Dragons and USDBR, has been there since the first NYC race is our first Hall of Fame inductee. He was chosen by a committee composed of our Executive team and past Presidents. The NYDB Alliance agreed to allow us to celebrate Mr. Louie at their April 25 annual Gala. Info will be shared on facebook and website. Email: erdba.net@gmail.com if they want to contribute to his video tribute. ● REMINDERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facebook and the website continue to serve as our primary tools for sharing the latest information. ○ 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 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 34 participants attended our 2 steering clinics. ■ We had 4 new clubs in 2025 (Jayavarman Rising out of Lowell, Mass / UNYTED from NYC, Wolfpack from Boston, Pottstown from PA. ■ We picked up 2 new festivals, the GWN NY Festival in Rockland NY, and Ohana in Port Washington. ■ We had a total of 67 club / festival members in 2025. ■ We already have 1 new team this year, Connecticut Dragons. ■ 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2024 Financial report was filed with the IRS. ● December 31, 2025 bank balance = \$76,743.53, which includes our 20K reserve established in 2020. ● The draft of the 2025 Financial reports are posted on the ERDBA.net website. ● ERDBA received a USDBF rebate check in January for \$4405. This will be paid out to the ERDBA members this year. ● 8 festival annual membership dues were waived member clubs in good standing are hosting these events. ● All our 2026 Budget proposals passed totalling \$37,488 ● Many of the budget proposals included 2027. One of the Directors suggested this unfairly imposed programs approved by the prior year directors. Therefore any 2027 proposals that were approved will be brought up again for the 2027 budget process. ● June 1 is the deadline for our 2026 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. 	

SECRETARY, Ellen for Marie

- With PDDBA reporting their payment of membership dues before the meeting, that means our current board is up to 60 requiring 31 to fulfill quorum requirements. We have 26 on the call and therefore unable to vote on any motions and the meeting serves as a discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Special Interests
 - ACP and BCP Report from Linda Dyer - supporting coaching and practice plans for BCP programs. There are 15 BCP teams in ERDBA (or approx 800 individuals), and 12 of them are going to France. The 61 US teams going to France, represents the largest contingent of any country. The 2025 "Unleash the Dragons" was a successful US version of the IBCPCP but it does not look likely to be repeated. What App is being used to help link in many of these programs.
 - Ellen suggested that maybe "Unleash the Dragons" should be shared by each region.
 - PDDBA is starting an Armed Services team, which will include wounded warriors - their costs will be covered by PDDBA.
- Misc - Request by USDBF Membership chair - to email her (Judy) if you are having issues renewing your membership. DO NOT create another entry.

OLD BUSINESS

- International Events: 2025 Pan Am Montreal races by 22 Dragons was a success and lots of fun.
- This year the Can Am is also run by 22 Dragons in Montreal. This is a joint event by Team Canada and USDBF to try creating an event for CCWC bound crews to get in a test race. It's supposed to alternate between the two nations, but the leadership decided it would be better to leave it in Canada this year. You will find registration info on these races on either national website. Participation in this event requires each club to be registered as a member in good standing with their regional organization and all individuals are USDBF members. No deadline for these membership requirements, but these be done in order to compete.

NEW BUSINESS

- One of the youth crews, Pathways, plans to run a youth paddling weekend in the Philly / Camden area this year.
- To request a waiver for a late club or USDBF registration - complete a USDBF "exception request"
- Reminder to directors, that the budget they just approved probably has a program or two that they can take advantage of. ERDBA is a Non-for-Profit organization. Our job is not to accumulate money - which is what we are doing. Our job is to service our members. So please take advantage of our \$5000 grant, or our \$500 cares program or safesport. Apply. We currently have around \$70k. Since I became president there was only \$9K, and it's ballooned nearly \$9K/year. Ask for funding, apply during our supplemental period. Take advantage of the steering clinic and coaching workshop.

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POST MEETING NOTES