

ERDBA Executive Committee

MINUTES

MEETING DATE / TIME	04/18/2020
CALLED TO ORDER	1:10PM
ATTENDEES	<p>On Call: In light of the Corona Virus-19 Sheltering in place state orders in our region, we conducted this AGM via conference call only.</p> <p>Officers/4: Ellen Law, Leigh Vlasblom, Heather Sullivan, Samantha LeValley</p> <p>Club Directors/29: Patrick Lenehan (Baltimore DBC), Maria Robson (Boston One), Silvia Lee (Catch 22), Julia Chen (Cleveland DBC), Wendy Schwartz (Cooper River DBC), Josh Rubenstein (DCDBC), Hugh Fang (DCH), Barbara Fox (Dragon Dream Team), Nina Atkinson (Dragon Heart Vermont), Sheila Platt (Dragons Alive), Jean Kowalski (Hope Afloat), Siv Somchanhmvong (Ithaca DBC), Susan Wieszczyk (Machestic Dragons), Donna Amiot (Malia Racing w/Pam Woolaver), Patricia Martin (Mov'n / Gretchen Fieldmaier DBC), James Lozada (MSK Dragons), Cheryl Brower (NCAWPA), Mary Chaplin (NJDBC), Veera Mahadomrongkul (Ohana w/Allen Huang), Antonio Bryant (Penn Dragons), Wei Chen (Philadelphia Chinatown DBC), Jim Morris (Philadelphia DBA), Shelly Slott (Philadelphia Flying Phoenix), Janice Bognato (Pittsburgh Heart of Steel), Laurie Montgomery (Pittsburgh Paddlefish), John Sullivan (Relentless), Laura Scaperotto (Schuylkill Dragons), Matthew Chin (Wall St. Dragons), Kathleen Schnaidt (Wellness Warriors)</p> <p>Festival Directors/8: Ada Ma (Baltimore DBF), Jeffrey Wang (Boston DBF), Chris Wetzel (Bucks County DBF), Joanne Hoffman (Cooper River DBF), Carolyn Lee (GWN Richmond DBF), Tommy Leonardi (IDBR), Roberta Gernhardt (Paddle for Pink DBF), Darlene Goldfinch (Pittsburgh DBF)</p> <p>Guests: Chun Wing Louie, Linda Frusciano</p> <p>Meeting Quorum met with 41 directors in attendance: 56 ERDBA Directors as of AGM: 52 paid memberships + 4 officers, quorum = 29</p>
NOTE TAKER	Samantha LeValley, Linda Frusciano

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 AGM minutes posted on ERDBA website for director approval. To be voted for approval in next ballot.
OFFICER REPORTS	
	<p>PRESIDENT,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condolences to our friends in New England on passing of Peter Lew, the former director of the Hong Kong Boston Dragon Boat Festival and co-founder of the Wellness Warriors. He will be missed. Thanks to John Sullivan for securing the Crescent boathouse in Philly for our 2020 AGM. Though cancelled we hope to secure access for 2021. Welcome to new members: Ocean State DBC, Pittsburgh DBF. 2020 budget approved/passed with exception of lapel pins for club teams going to France and the Race Officials clinic. The budget request for the Race Officials clinic was missing from the ballot until the final days and therefore not all the directors had an opportunity to vote. Ellen Law - Motion to pass the \$500 budget allocation for race officials training for 1st weekend in June in Boston to cover travel and expenses. Motion seconded by Leigh Vasblom, Motion PASSED (41 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained) We will not likely fully expend our 2020 budget due to expected shortened start of the season due to the CV-19 effecting our rollouts. We will address improving communications to remind our members to take advantage of our regionals sponsored training activities. Use of online membership registration growing, 2nd year in SafeSport community, Facebook continues to serve as primary updated info sharing for region. We will accept any proposals for a July supplemental budget. IDBF 2019 Congress meeting asked members to minimize their participation in ICF events. ICF serves as a road block for IDBF in becoming recognized as an Olympic member sport. Hope to grow our revenue stream, through our Ambassador programs, regionals and Hall of Fame campaign. 2019 ERDBA Annual Report was submitted to USDF on March 7 in Sarasota. It described ERDBA as a thriving region focused on it's directors and members. Our region includes 14 states, 55 directors and 4 officers

- including 9 teams from New England, 14 from PA/Ohio Valley, 17 from NY Mid Atlantic Region.
- 2019 membership Grew by 2 members
- 2019 Hosted regionals at Mercer Lake for the 4th time; largest to date. 12 Regional champions ; 32 clubs attended.
- Kudos and thanks to Leigh Vlasblom who served as the TEAM USA Senior B Women's team manager for the teams I coached in the 2019 IDBF Worlds in Thailand. Her work and support ensured the crew performed at it's best. With everyone returning with a medal! 3 golds, 2 silvers and 3 bronze medals.

VICE PRESIDENT,

- Election results for President and secretary. Ellen Law for President and Linda Frusciano for Secretary begin their 2 year terms at the conclusion of this AGM as both ran unopposed.
- Thanks to Samantha for serving.
- Youth Initiative continuing
- Meet and Greet will be postponed until May or later as needs become apparent during this pandemic
- Ambassador program is unique in the country. Allowing us to tap regional resources. Training available, let us know your needs and we can arrange something for you.
- You can always reach the officers or program leaders through the CONTACT page on the ERDBA.net website.

TREASURER,

- 2019 Financials reflect the membership dues collected from 33 clubs and 15 festivals.
- \$975 paid out in 2019 youth teams funding.
- 2019 Profit and Loss: we ended the year in a positive position. All training, sponsorships and meeting expenses were under budget.
- 2020 \$14,000 of \$17,000 in membership fees collected in 2020; plus 8 paid in 2019
- Requesting all future expense reports submitted by October so reimbursements are completed by yearend. Our 2020 financials includes \$1300 of 2019 expense reports submitted in 2020.
- 2019 financials posted on ERDBA website awaiting Director approval by next ballot.

SECRETARY,

- Roll call was taken, 46 attendees representing 37 club/festivals, 4 officers and 3 guests. Required quorum of 29 met.
- We have 1 new member for 2020 in Ocean State, and Lewes DBF returned, but lost Ithaca DBF and DBC of Boston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tommy Leonardi - USDBF Director

- 2021 US Nationals and 2022 IDBF Club Crew Championships scheduled for Sarasota, Florida.
- USDBF working on creating a Paddler ID system to prevent teams from having cross club memberships racing for more than one club in competitive races; exclusion for Women only clubs to allow participation in Mixed races with other clubs
- Charter for selection of high performance committee (who selects TEAM USA Head coaches) revised to better insure qualified members serve the committee.
- USDBF Board of Directors approved the addition of an Independent director to the 12 already serving. Will need to form a "director selection committee". Application for serving on selection committee to be posted on ERDBA Facebook Page.
- Chaired

Chun Wing Louie – Competition Committee Chair

- Bidding process for the ERDBA Regional championships through 2022 completed. GWN will continue as our vendor with Mercer Lake as the ERDBA Regional venue thru 2022.

Leigh Vlasblom – USDBF Director

- USDBF has created 3 new officer positions; Competition/Technical, Membership and Communications.
- Paula Humphries attended the AGM and was selected as the Competition/Technical Officer at the AGM.
- Additional details on these positions will be posted on ERDBA Facebook page

Silvia Lee – Race Committee Chair

- Addressing regional competition, fun events, reviewing current peer checking process

OLD BUSINESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen and Heather continue to work on updating the ERDBA 5 year strategic plan. We are currently in the final year of the 2016 plan. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERDBA still seeking grants to take on more development projects. If you or a club member has experience/knowledge and willing to donate time it would be greatly appreciated • Suggestions welcome to keep our member events running on time 	
NEW BUSINESS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudos to Ithaca who sent 2 teams to the 2019 Pan Am Championships • Kudos to the ERDBA teams that attended the US Nationals in Colorado, and to those who returned with medals! • France IDBF CCW postponed to 2021. Date TBD. • ERDBA members seeking assistance can reach out to our volunteer Ambassadors info/help to sponsor an event for your club. Complete the CONTACT form on ERDBA.net • Event cancellations/postponements/new dates are posted on the ERDBA website • Ellen Law - Motion to waive the 2021 annual membership dues for all clubs that paid 2020 membership dues anytime during 2020. Seconded by Susan W (Machestic Dragons). Discussion followed. It was further clarified that the 2021 budget could be sustained without creating a deficit. Motion PASSED (41 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen Law - Motion to waive the 2021 annual membership Dues for all festivals that had to cancel their 2020 event or ran it at less than 50% of the total 2019 registrations. Friendly amendment proposed by Siv S (Ithaca DBC) to adjust the festival fee based on registrations. Amendment withdrawn following explanation that Festivals and Clubs pay all pay \$300 ERDBA membership fee. Initial motion seconded by Pat L. (Baltimore DBC). Discussion followed. Motion PASSED (41 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained) • Pat L (Baltimore DBC) Motion to allow any team that qualified for regionals in 2019 should be considered qualified for 2020 OR if the team participates in one ERDBA event this year. Pat L accepted the Friendly amendments offered by Leigh V (VP) to allow any team participate in the Regionals in the event there are no races for the teams to participate in 2020 and if ERDBA does not have any member races prior to Aug then all ERDBA, members are eligible. Seconded by Leigh V Motion PASSED with amendments (41 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained) • Brief discussion regarding sanitizing equipment at a Festival...essentially too early to know what would be needed • Tricia Martin of Mov'n Dragons asked for help in contacting the individual for info on the ambassador program. Tried on several occasions but no response. All website "Contact us" inquiries will be directed to one individual to disperse to the appropriate officer/committee member which should expedite response time. 	
POST MEETING NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We recently created new request forms described in the June Quarterly report which will be posted on ERDBA website in early July. These forms will be listed on the Ambassador webpage include requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to host an ERDBA event like, coaching seminar, race officials' clinic, steering clinic or other regional sponsored event ○ to signup for an ERDBA sponsored event ○ 2020 IDBF CCWC update: cancelled. No longer considering postponing 	
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