

ERDBA June 2020 Quarterly Report



FROM YOUR OFFICERS

- We hope this finds you, your family and team well amidst these trying times.
- We will be using quarterly email reports to supplement our current communications with our directors. All the information posted here is either already available on ERDBA.net website, ERDBA Facebook and/or ERDBA Director facebook pages. Facebook will most likely have the latest info, followed by the website and email.
- A shortened version of this message will also be distributed to all email addresses listed on the team rosters of the teams that qualified for the 2018-2019 regional championships, and to anyone who signed up ([via erdba.net](http://via.erdba.net) signup page) to receive our correspondence.
- We encourage you (if you haven't already) to join the ERDBA Director facebook page. This is open to all ERDBA Directors and Alternates to promote their club activities and ask questions of your peers. You have to request to join. The page is titled, "ERDBA Directors. do a facebook search and request to join.
- As clubs and states are slowing allowing more activities to take place, you will likely find some ideas on the Director page.

ERDBA SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Vote by July 13 using [this Ballot](#).

- Attached are two supplemental budget proposals for Directors to consider.
 - ERDBA Officers recommend approving both proposals totaling \$1450. ERDBA has had a positive P&L since 2016. Approval of both items will increase the 2020 ERDBA budgeted loss to \$12,480. This will not effect our solvency because the Covid-19 shutdowns eliminated much of our planned program expenses.
 - \$1000 - USDBF increased their annual membership fee to each of the 4 member regions from \$3000 to \$4000. We did not include this in the original 2020 budget because this was presented to the ERDBA Treasurer this June. If this fails to pass, we will request a deferral to 2021. But we will still be obligated to pay.
 - \$450 - USDBF increased the per participant fee for the Race Official's Training from \$50 to \$95 a person for a virtual session. Our original \$500 budget was intended to cover the registration for 10 participants. Requesting this additional funding to enable our support for up to 10 ERDBA members. If this fails to pass, we will only be able to provide funding for 5 ERDBA members.
- Also included on this ballot are several housekeeping items requiring your review and approval
 - The 2019 [P&L](#) and [Bal Sheet](#) Financial statements
 - Minutes of the past 2 General Meetings ([11/3/18](#), [3/2/19](#)).
 - Most all related documents posted [HERE](#).

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RESTARTING from COVID-19 Shutdown

USDBF released [this document](#) from an independent group of medical and health and safety experts who are also dragon boaters. They address a phased plan for returning to dragon boating. This follows local guidelines with additional considerations for safety. Hoping the soft opening of your home states will allow some sort of startup. Keep an eye out on the Director Facebook page for ideas from our fellow members.

ERDBA 2020 AGM

Attached is a draft of the April ERDBA AGM minutes for your review. Here's a highlight of some of the biggie items discussed and voted on by the directors. Send any comments, revisions to Linda our secretary = erdba.net@gmail.com

- 41 directors participated on the AGM call.
- Directors approved online and on the AGM call \$28,131 in expenses for 2020 ([details on ERDBA](#))
- In light of Covid-19's impact on the start of water activities, the ERDBA Board of Directors approved these amendments to our current by-laws relating to 2020 and 2021 membership dues:
 - 1. 2021 ERDBA Club membership dues waived to all clubs that paid their 2020 club membership dues.
 - 2. 2021 ERDBA Festival membership dues waived for the festivals who paid their 2020 membership dues AND
 - cancelled their 2020 event OR
 - posted a greater than 50% drop in total 2020 team reg from 2019.
- With the expected delayed start of the 2020 Dragon boat season due to sheltering in home in are region - Directors approved to allow participation in 2020 ERDBA Regionals:
 - any member club that qualified for 2019 regionals OR
 - any member club participates in one ERDBA event this year OR
 - ALL ERDBA member clubs will be regionals eligible if there no races for teams to participate before August 2020. Therefore any new team/club may register and participate in ERDBA regionals if they register as an ERDBA member by Regionals.

ERDBA INFO updates

- 2020 ERDBA Regionals
 - To date, all ERDBA June-July races and festivals either cancelled or postponed. There are 4 August events still scheduled.
 - Currently all member club that were qualified in 2019 are eligible to participate in 2020 Regionals.
 - Otherwise, any club that participated in an August ERDBA member event, is eligible for the 2020 Regionals.
 - 2020 Regionals will be a great op to introduce youth teams...ERDBA will subsidize 50% of their entry fee, and GWN agree to provide 25%....leaving the youth team to pay 25% to play!

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- ERDBA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
 - If you want to host a session - complete this [ERDBA Hosting form](#)
 - If you want to participate in one of these programs - complete this [ERDBA Signup form](#)
 - Coaching Panel - Officers are working to setup an August Coaching Panel of ERDBA coaches with World and International experience to discuss coaching and answer your questions. Will post panel info on Facebook and website
 - Steering clinic - off until host state is fully open or participant safety can be assured.
 - Coaching seminar - Zoom session considered, will post on ERDBA Director facebook - all interested parties
 - [SafeSport training](#) - 2 individuals from each member organization can take the online program with funding from ERDBA.
 - USDBF Race officials clinic - USDBF announced a July 18 session. Complete the [ERDBA signup form](#) to confirm whether we have funding for you. We currently have funding for 5 participants. Then register using this [USDBF registration form](#).

- INSURANCE
 - Since we secure our insurance under USDBF's Group policy with Liquori, there will be NO liability discount with the shortened Covid-19 season. Explanation on ERDBA Director Facebook page.
 - There is NO insurance coverage for Covid-19.
 - Under the General Liability claims for Virus & Bacteria exposure are excluded.
 - All Clubs and event hosts need to make sure every member/guest and participant signs the provided waiver – the USDBF waiver has verbiage that has been tested in a court of law. This is an amateur sport, when the waiver is signed the participant/member acknowledges that they participate willingly knowing there is the potential for dangerous situations that could possibly lead to sickness or death and they waive these rights. It also states that if they determine a situation is not safe they should remove themselves from the situation immediately. No one is forcing anyone to participant so the responsibility lies with the participant/member.
 - This means all participants/members participate knowing that there could be exposure and they take responsibility for themselves.

- ERDBA Quarterly Financials
 - Heather submits to the directors for the period ending June - June bank statement, Balance Sheet and P&L for ERDBA.
 - The travel and expense for our representatives to attend the March USDBF AGM exceeded the 2020 budget because the actuals includes \$936.45 in expenses from the 2019 ERDBA AGM in DC. This expense report was submitted and paid in January 2020.
 - The Race Official Training actuals represents the expenses from the 2019 Training session hosted in New Hope. This expense report was submitted and paid in January 2020.

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USDBF NEWS

- USDBF created a new 2 level Coach Training Certification Program. [Info here](#)
- USDBF seeks applications for positions to represent TEAM USA at the 2021 IDBF Hong Kong World Championships
 - TEAM USA - [Head Coach](#) (For Premier, Senior A, Senior B or Senior C racing division for Open, Mixed or Women racing classes). Application deadline 5PM 7/15/20 - email to: VP1@usdbf.org
 - TEAM USA - [Team Manager](#) (supports all coaches, liaison with IDBF, includes travel to Hong Kong for duration of event). Application deadline 5PM 7/15/20 - email to: VP1@usdbf.org
- March 2021 Pan Am Races in Panama City, Panama.
 - Postponement likely. Official announcement expected no later than October 31, 2020.
 - Participation in this event requires ERDBA membership.
 - [USDBF notice](#)

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.

Thank you!

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