

## SRDBA Board Meeting (draft)

October 26, 2022 8:00pm

Board Meeting Attendance				
#	Position/Office	P/A/O	Name	Attendance Notes
1	President*	P	Kelly Hood	idockhood@gmail.com
2	Vice President*	P	Drew Rogers	rogers.drew@hotmail.com
3	Treasurer*	A	Patsy Zick	patsymba@hotmail.com
4	Secretary*	P	Deborah Carson	<a href="mailto:secretary@srdba.org">secretary@srdba.org</a>
5	Membership Director*	A	Annely Thorstad	<a href="mailto:membership@srdba.org">membership@srdba.org</a>
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	Present			
	Absent			
	Open			
	Quorum for voting IAW the Bylaws	8 of 13	Quorum was established.	

*\*Voting member*

## MINUTES

I. Call to Order at 8:11 pm and Quorum established

II. President's Report - Kelly Hood

- Requested the Board consider changing bylaws so that Directors' terms get changed from one-year to two-year terms to allow for continuity and increased experience in those positions. Suggested that transition be staggered so that half of the current directors's terms be extended for a year and the other four directors's positions be put on the upcoming ballot for 2-year terms. According to the bylaws, we need to send proposed changes to all SRDBA members 90 days prior to the vote by the Board. In order to accomplish this change before the next election, we need to move our AGM to end of January 2023. The board members voted unanimously to move forward on changing the bylaws to make this transition and begin the process of putting the proposed change to the membership. The proposed verbiage will be finalized and sent to the membership within a few days. The current board plans to vote on the bylaw change prior to the next AGM.
  - GA, TN, SC, FL Directors's terms will be extended for another year.
  - NC, AL, KY, MS Directors's positions will be on the ballot for 2-year terms
- If, Kelly, Patsy were our SRDBA representative on the USDBF Board. Patsy has become a USDBF officer so we need a new SRDBA rep to replace her as SRDBA rep on the USDBF board. Kelly suggested that Peaches or Leslie (current alternates to USDBF) replace Patsy until some time in the future. Leslie prefers to remain an alternate. Peaches is willing to consider filling the position in the interim and Kelly will provide her with more information.

III. Vice President's Report – Drew Rogers

- SRDBA regional championship scheduled on Oct 1 was postponed. Mike Kirkman has been asked to look for a viable date and venue in 2023. Some new facilities are being built in Florida and another one in Georgia. Probably will not be held at NBP. It will likely become a fundraiser as part of a series of races for PanAm. There may be some consideration for SRDBA to be part of the series, discussion is in early days. Mike's vision to make this bigger and better than previously planned includes targeting youth and paradrugon divisions as beneficiaries of the fundraising effort.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Patsy Zick

The September financials have been uploaded to our shared Google doc.

Bank ending balance as of Sept 30: \$40,267.97

Balance Sheet ending balance: \$40,267.97

V. Membership: Annely Thorstad

- We currently have 841 members, with new members joining the Senior C & D divisions, and from Florida.
- Annely presented 3 online zoom meetings on the performance benefits of visualization in sport to groups in our region and hosted a BCS celebration in October. She has also agreed to present to the USDBF Committee next time around.
- Annely assisted Peaches in finding of a canoe and guidance for establishing a new Paradrasons team in SC and assisted the creation of a new team in Bluffton, SC
- Annely submitted data collected from the region to a study at her university on Athletic Performance Testing in Paddle Sports.
- The Facebook page has been active but hits on the website slowed down substantially following the cancellation of regionals.

#### VI. Committee Reports:

- Paddler Engagement Committee: No report.
- Youth Paddlers: Kelly, Annely, Mike Mondrell and Anna have set up a meeting for November 2 to look at duplicating the youth model Mike has set up in Florida.
- Special Divisions:

Paradragon Report – Peaches Diamond

##### *Vessels and Sponsors to Foster Development of Paradragon Team*

A. To obtain a dragon boat, in October I met with Coordinator of the Charleston, BCS crew who discussed donating a 12-person boat to assist with obtaining a vessel for team development.

B. Determining venue of a boat slip, met with General Manager, of the Waccamaw River - Wacca Wache Landing and Marina, in Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina regarding boat slip fees for a 12 person and 22-person boat (\$5,400.00) annually.

C. Continuing sponsorship and fundraising n development surrounding businesses, profit and non-for-profit associations that support the development and growth of individuals with disabilities. Recently, met with owner of restaurant K-Rae's, at the Wacca Wache Landing, regarding sponsorship of the Paradragon team, which may be possible depending on securing a boat slip, at the site of the Wacca Wache Marina.

*Mission* – development of a Paradragon Teams in the South Carolina and specific southern regions of the (SRDBA), to support the development of individuals who fit the criteria of a Paradragon athletes.

A. The objective(s) is to provide vehicles (instruction, equipment, and accommodations), to help foster Paradragon candidates' participation in dragon boat recreational activities as well as, racing.

1. Developing a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to support building a team with special accommodation needs to support obtaining equipment, instruction and fees related to storing and maintaining equipment.

### *Membership Outreach*

A. Outreach annual picnic with team, "Dragon Boat At the Beach," at Huntington State Park, S.C. discussed with community attendees the mission and development of a Paradrageon team in the Southern Region.

B. Attended Dragon Boat Training Camp in San Pedro Del Pinatar, Spain with Heat International Training Camp in October. In Spain, further completed level II USDBA, dragon boat coaching course and participating in the 5th Intercontinental Dragon Boat Race, representing the US in bringing home the Intercontinental Dragon Boat cup. Due to scheduling, conflicts we were unable to participate in the festival in North Carolina at the Carolina Beach dragon boat regatta scheduled on September 17th and 18th, 2022.

<http://www.carolinabeachdragonboatregatta.org/>

### *Collaborative – Director At Large Activities*

A. Collaboration – continued development of Dragon boat teams in Georgia and Tennessee

## VII. State Reports:

AL: Steve – no report

NC: Eileen - no report

SC: Leslie - no report

GA: - no report

FL: Ef - Miami race on Saturday.

MS: Judy - no report

TN: Anna - no report

KY: Erin -no report

## VIII. Elections for 2023 Board

Open positions in 2023 will be VP, Secretary and the 4 state director positions previously discussed. We hope to include the call for nominations along with the proposed changes in the Bylaws that will be sent out to the membership soon.

## IX. New Business: none

X. Upcoming Board Dates: Dec 14 8:00pm with Dec 21 as an alternate Date for Annual General Meeting: January 31, 2023.

XI. Adjournment 9:30pm