

## SRDBA Board Meeting

**April 20, 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
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5	Membership Director*	P	Annely Thorstad	<a href="mailto:membership@srdba.org">membership@srdba.org</a>
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13	Mississippi*	P	Judy Lundy	jklundy73@gmail.com
	Present	9		
	Absent	4		
	Open			
	Quorum for voting IAW the Bylaws	9 of 13	Quorum was established.	

*\*Voting member*

## MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call for quorum established 8:05
- II. Approval of Minutes - October 2021 and February 2022 : both approved as presented
- III. President's Report - Kelly Hood

USDBF Update: our region requires that all members of the board are SRDBA members and encourages us to be members of USDBF .

The USDBF AGM is May 21 in Sarasota, but will have a zoom link or more likely will be streamed. Let Annely know if you are interested in attending virtually, so she can add you as a guest on the call. You cannot vote, but can participate in discussion. New officers will be elected. Open positions include Treasurer and Membership. Also committees will be looking for membership, including the Membership committee, Competition and Technical committee, Special Interest committees and the Nominating committee, which vets candidates applying for positions on the Board. Contact Kelly if interested in any position or committee or you need more information. Positions will be posted on the USDBF website soon.
- IV. Vice President's Report - Drew

Confirmation that 2022 SRDBA Regional Championship will be Saturday, 01 OCT 2022 at Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota FL. We are partnered with Pan Am Dragon Boat. We also can announce that we will have the new Senior D division (70+). This will be a stand-alone championship that will not fold into an International/Worlds Championship berth and is not limited to participation by SRDBA teams/clubs, although there is discussion about how to incorporate a SRDBA competitive component (i.e. Regional Bragging Rights) inside the PanAm competition parameters.

The SRDBA/PanAm competition is already up on the PanAm site <https://www.panamdragonboat.com/race-calendar/> and is neither a money maker nor a money drain for SRDBA - Pan Am will handle everything, including both 10 and 20 person boats. We will add it to both the SRDBA and the USDBF websites.

The whole paddling season is coming back rather slowly. We may need to be flexible in our approach to getting things settled. It should be fun, but will require an all-hands on deck approach to get this put together. We need to make sure messaging is clear that this is open to all comers.
- V. Treasurer's Report - Patsy Zick (delivered by Deb and Annely)

Ending bank balance: \$48,622.43 Our net income YTD is \$15,623.02. This will get drawn down probably by a 1/3 due to club rebate for those who paid club/membership fees by March 31. Patsy finished writing out checks for the 2022 SRDBA rebates and mailed them out April 18. This time around rebate checks were \$2750K and we received a \$5,970 rebate from USDBF.

Club invoices are just emails or other mechanism of contact and not sent via a generated invoice from SRDBA. It's a very manually-intensive accounting system for managing invoices. Clubs can pay online or send a check. Patsy and Annely double check the membership form and STRIPE to see if they align.

Treasurer report: Approved as presented.

#### VI. Membership: Annely Thorstad

It has been a very busy first quarter receiving and entering memberships, answering questions, preparing stats and completing the draft rebates for clubs. Each club who is a paid member will receive a \$10 rebate for every individual member who paid on or before March 31st, up to a maximum of \$300.00. And yes! You are still welcome to become a 2022 member, your membership will just no longer be eligible for the Club Rebate is all. We currently have 57% of membership paid in relation to last year, with approximately \$2,500 in rebates going out this year.

Most membership questions came in the request to list more than one club for individual memberships, and whether membership is annual from the date of payment. Unfortunately, we do need to only list one club per paddler, which is the paddler's choice, and membership runs in the calendar year, not from the date of payment.

Also note that there is more information available regarding the upcoming CCWC on the USDBF website at <https://www.usdbf.org/club-crew/2202ccwc/> . Bulletin #2 is available for download there now.

As this is the second year using our new member data collection spreadsheet, new columns have been added to capture the number of new and returning paddlers, as well as a payment ID column that helps team captains and coaches identify which paddlers are current and who has yet to pay their annual membership. With this data, I have begun creating fun fact Facebook posts using the data collected.

Our membership is currently made up of 450 paddlers from 14 states, with the majority of our paddlers coming from Florida, mostly female, with over half of our paddlers aged 60 and over.

See our current breakdown here:

<b>450 Individual Memberships:</b>	<b>23 Clubs:</b>	<b>3 Corporate Members:</b>
6 Youth	2 Kentucky	1 South Carolina
34 Premier	2 Georgia	1 Tennessee
36 Senior A	2 North Carolina	1 Florida
124 Senior B	5 South Carolina	
167 Senior C	12 Florida	
83 Senior D		

**Festivals:**

May 14th, Decator Morgan Hospital Foundation Dragon Boat Race & Festival, Alabama
May 1st, The Acworth Cobb Dragon Boat Festival, Georgia
October 8th, Pensacola Dragon Boat Festival, Florida
May 30th, United Way of South MS Gulf Coast DB Festival, Mississippi
October 1st, Lake James Dragon Boat Festival, North Carolina
October 1st, 14th Annual Cumberland River Dragon Boat Festival

Kelly requests that we have more volunteers to man SRDBA tents at Festivals

**VII. Committee Reports:**

- Youth Paddlers: Needs to be a big goal for the region. We are clearly an aging region and we need to ramp up youth involvement. One school in Florida is interested in learning more and a presentation is being prepared to share with the students. A club in SC is also interested in reaching out to Title 1 schools. Need boats, equipment and coaches to accomplish this objective. Some resources including guidelines are available to share. SRDBA insurance covers all ages so no separate riders are necessary to cover youth. Waivers should have a section relating to minors.
- Paddler Engagement Committee (PEC)

The PEC has been meeting once per month.

The committee has been updating maps with links; updating the stores; trying to hit the social media periodically, adding a fun facts section and especially posting during holiday times. They are branding our posts with the SRDBA logo. We are working on Zoom information sessions. We need someone to really keep an eye on both stores.

Discord keeps going to the back burner. Looked into other apps, but they seem similar and features we really want are considered add-ons for a price. We need to make a decision to do it or not.

Digital business card - narrowed down to a couple to see what would be best. Probably will be ready to present to the board next time.

SRDBA Library: Working on categorizing documents to create an online library of documents for other clubs to start projects, which they can individualize for their needs. We are collecting and organizing other documents that we have in our stash so they can be more easily found. Judy is taking the lead on organizing things based on a numerical system, such as policies, waivers, etc. Looking to have an archive of older documents and documents with version control. Once the library has been curated, it will be put on the shared drive for board to review and access. Once documents have been approved, they can be available more publicly for clubs and individuals. If you have any great forms or checklists that you would like to share with new and up and coming clubs, please forward them to [membership@srdba.org](mailto:membership@srdba.org).

Paddler Engagement Committee: Annely, Leslie, Steve, Stanna are on the committee. If you have suggestions for or would like to join the Paddler Engagement Committee, please email [membership@srdba.org](mailto:membership@srdba.org).

- Special Divisions: no report - looking for someone to take the lead with this committee. Our region may have an opportunity to grow the paradragon group especially with so many organizations, such as the VA who serve older or disabled populations, in our region.

## VII. State Reports

AL: Steve - Decator Morgan Hospital Foundation Dragon Boat Race & Festival in Alabama May 14th

NC: Eileen - no report

SC: Leslie - May 7 DBC festival - 35 teams, which a drop in number from years past. SRDBA tent will be manned by Leslie; Beaufort festival is June 25.

GA: Liz - no report

FL: Ef - April 9 had a Claremont small boat festival. **Only 3 teams.- please verify this number.** April 30 Tampa; May 21 Sarasota International Dragon Boat Festival on the same

day as AGM; Oct 1 SRDBA Regional race. Judy let us know that the Leatherneck Warriors have co-oped with a local high school to hold a dragon boat session - **please clarify**

MS: Judy - United Way of South MS Gulf Coast DB Festival (<http://unitedwaysm.org>)  
April 29-30 7th year - can we send them T-shirts? or vouchers for the store?

TN: no report - Esther has resigned from the board

KY: Erin- no report

VIII. Newsletter: Deb Carson - looking for a feature article about the Regional Championship and Senior D category

IX. New Business - none

X. Upcoming Board Dates - June 22, 2022 8:00pm

XI. Adjournment 9:45pm