

**SRDBA BOARD MEETING  
20 AUGUST 2024**

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**PARTICIPANTS**

#	Position/Office	P/A/O	Name
1	President*	P	Beth Turconi
2	Vice President*	P	Mariann Szucs
3	Treasurer*	P	Dana Bauer
4	Secretary*	P	Barbara Paluszek
5	Membership Director*	P	Laurie Brunner
6	Alabama* (At Large)	P	Jodie Kosko
7	North Carolina* (At Large)	O	Open
8	South Carolina*	P	Desiree Maurer
9	Kentucky*	P	Teresa Langebrake
10	Florida*	P	Bonnie Brett
11	Mississippi*	P	Kelly McGinnis
12	Tennessee* (At Large)	A	Peaches Diamond
13	Georgia*	A	Tanner Foreman
	*Voting Member		
	Present	10	
	Absent	2	
	Open	1	
	Quorum for voting IAW the Bylaws	Yes	

**Roll Call / Establish a Quorum - Barb**

- Roll Call was completed with 10 of 12 Board Members present. Quorum achieved.
- Call the Meeting to Order at 7:01PM - Beth
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from 16 April 2024 SRDBA Board Meeting

**Motion to approve:** Dana  
**Seconded:** Jodie  
**Board:** 100% Approved

**PRESIDENT REPORT - Beth Turconi**

Our Club as well as many other Club's are currently gearing up for CCWC in Ravenna.

As mentioned before there has been some hope of adding a Veterans Division to the Lake Hernando event. Bob Kane had hope that a Veteran's Division could be included and we are aware a number of our Club's have Veterans. We need to understand whether or not our Veteran's in the SRDBA Region would be interested racing as part of a Veteran's Division. To make it meaningful they would need to have a number of Clubs with a Veteran's Division otherwise it would not make sense to add it to the racing agenda.

**Action:** (1) Determine how many Veterans we have in our (SRDBA Board) Clubs? (2) And how many of these Veterans would be interested to race in a Veteran’s Division.

As an FYI – Bob has stepped down as the North Carolina Director.

Beth is continuing to work on the ParaDragon Questionnaire.

A question was raised regarding the status of Eligibility for CCWC. Beth confirmed that all Clubs within the SRDBA Region passed with flying colors. This was done with a lot of work from Bonnie, Laura and Jodie. Thank you to all!! It is unclear if USDBF is going to provide any close out communication to the respective clubs.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mariann Szucs**

The committee is continuing to work on the SRDBA Regional Championship. There are three production companies that they are being considered to manage the event:

- Dynamic Dragons
- Pan AM
- GWN

Both Dynamic Dragons and Pan AM have responded with proposals. No response from GWN. At our next meeting Mariann will provide a side by side comparison. A key question is what will the seat fee be for paddlers. Beth would like an understanding of the projected financial impact, i.e. will the region make a profit or break even? It will also be important to get the event on the calendar to allow Teams/Clubs to consider participating. We need to remember it is going to be a USA team year again which could impact participation.

**TREASURER REPORT – Dana Bauer**

The first report – Checking Account Summary as of 7 – 31- 2024. You will notice that 2 rebate checks have not been cashed.

Southeastern Regional DB Assoc	
Reconciliation Summary	
100 · Chase Checking, Period Ending 07/31/24	
	08/19/2024
	Jul 31, 24
Beginning Balance	41,290.31
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 4 items	-901.25
Deposits and Credits - 2 items	111.06
Total Cleared Transactions	-790.19
Cleared Balance	40,500.12
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 2 items	-40.00
Total Uncleared Transactions	-40.00
Register Balance as of 07/31/24	40,460.12
Ending Balance	40,460.12

The second report is the Reconciliation Details as of 7-31-2024

Southeastern Regional DB Assoc							08/19/2024	
Reconciliation Detail								
100 · Chase Checking, Period Ending 07/31/24								
	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance	
Beginning Balance							41,290.31	
Cleared Transactions								
Checks and Payments - 4 items								
	Check	05/21/2024	1172	Jacksonville Dragon Boat Club	√	-300.00	-300.00	
	Check	05/21/2024	1168	Charlotte Harbor Paddlers, Inc.	√	-300.00	-600.00	
	Check	05/21/2024	1174	Lake County Dragon Boat Club	√	-280.00	-880.00	
	Check	07/17/2024		OYOVA SOFTWARE 904-322-8820 FL	√	-21.25	-901.25	
Total Checks and Payments						-901.25	-901.25	
Deposits and Credits - 2 items								
	Deposit	07/03/2024	DEP	Stripe.com	√	14.26	14.26	
	Deposit	07/10/2024	DEP	Stripe.com	√	96.80	111.06	
Total Deposits and Credits						111.06	111.06	
Total Cleared Transactions						-790.19	-790.19	
Cleared Balance						-790.19	40,500.12	
Uncleared Transactions								
Checks and Payments - 2 items								
	Check	05/21/2024	1166	502 Dragon Boat Community, Inc		-30.00	-30.00	
	Check	05/21/2024	1177	Warring Redi Dragons, Inc.		-10.00	-40.00	
Total Checks and Payments						-40.00	-40.00	
Total Uncleared Transactions						-40.00	-40.00	
Register Balance as of 07/31/24						-830.19	40,460.12	
Ending Balance						-830.19	40,460.12	

The third report is the CD #8789 Summary. The interest was paid again on July 14<sup>th</sup> and renewed at 3.25%.

Southeastern Regional DB Assoc	
Reconciliation Summary	
101 · Chase CD #8789, Period Ending 07/31/24	
08/19/2024	
Jul 31, 24	
Beginning Balance	15,110.70
Cleared Transactions	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	105.41
Total Cleared Transactions	105.41
Cleared Balance	15,216.11
Register Balance as of 07/31/24	15,216.11
Ending Balance	15,216.11

The fourth report is the CD #7592 which was recently reported on 8-13-24. The delay in purchasing was because the 2 month was not offered and the time frames offered were long with low interest. Dana spoke with the banker and he was sure that if we watched it there would be shorter term offered at a good rate. Dana kept a close on eye on it and it finally came up with a 3 month at 4.25%. Dana's

intent it to get us the best rate for the shortest terms and ladde the due dates so we are never far from a date to cash out if we need the funds.

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As of August 16<sup>th</sup>, the checking balance is \$30,500.12. The two rebate checks that have not been cashed (1) 502 Dragonboat Community, Inc. fo \$30 and, (2) Warring Redi Dragons, Inc fo \$10. Dana has attempted to contact though email with no response.

**Action:** Laura do you have any other contact information for these two clubs?

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Laura Brunner**

**SRDBA August 2024 Membership Report**

**SRDBA 2024 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: 440**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>COUNT</b>
Junior	2
Premier	9
Senior A	22
Senior B	103
Senior C	167
Senior D	137
	<b>440</b>

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>COUNT</b>
Female	310
Male	130
	<b>440</b>

**SRDBA CLUBS PER STATE:**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>COUNT</b>
FL	11
GA	1
KY	2
NC	3
SC	4
TN	1
	<b>22</b>

**CLUBS DESIGNATED AS "PRIMARY CLUB" BY REGISTERED MEMBERS:**

**(Total Registered Members Included)**

502 DRAGON BOAT COMMUNITY, INC.	3
CHARLESTON PADDLE CLUB	30
CHARLOTTE HARBOR PADDLERS, INC,	39
DRAGON BOAT AT THE BEACH	2
DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON	39
FLORIDA TARPONS	3
GRAND MASTERS DRAGON BOAT CLUB	18
HEAT	96
JACKSONVILLE DRAGON BOAT CLUB	39
JAX FIRE DRAGONS	15
LAKE COUNTY DRAGON BOAT CLUB - WUN FUN CRU	28
LANIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB	2
NBP PADDLING	96
NOT AFFILIATED	3
PUFF DRAGON BOAT RACING TEAM	1
SAVE OUR SISTERS	1
TAMPA BAY DRAGON BOAT CLUB	1
TAMPA RIVER DRAGON BOAT CLUB	23
WARRING RED DRAGONS, INC.	1
	<b>440</b>

**SRDBA CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

DYNAMIC DRAGON BOAT RACING LLC
BOUNDARY WATERS COACHING & CONDITIONING

**SRDBA FESTIVAL REGISTRATIONS**

	<b>Date of Event</b>
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DECATUR MORGAN HOSPITAL FOUNDATION DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (GA)	5/11/2024
ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (FL)	10/12/2024
ACWORTH-COBB DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (GA)	5/4/2024
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We currently have 440 members across SRDBA. Peaches raised a question that her team has ParaDragons Team but those members are not identified as such. Laura posed a question that as she creates the form for the 2025 membership should she add an additional requirement for members to identify themselves as ParaDragons, Veterans, BCP or ACP? The Board agreed that it would be good information to have for our region to understand this demographic. Of note, at this time ParaDragons, BCP and ACP are the only divisions recognized by USDBF and IDBF. The Veterans Division is only proposed by a couple of interested individuals (Bob Kane and an NBP Team Member). As we discussed at the beginning of the meeting, when Beth checked in with Race Officials to add a Veterans Division to Hernando they said it could be done but it will make the race day longer. The

other challenge is having enough teams interested in racing in that Division in order to make it worthwhile.

There are two areas of caution in spiking out the special interest Divisions: (1) Whether or not these special interest teams are paired with a “parent” team, otherwise we could be double counting of athletes and (2) fee collection. For example if a BCS team is part of another team, do they pay a fee to be clearly identified as a stand alone team or does the parent team maintain the Club/Team ownership? When you look at the Grandmasters in The Villages. There are 10 – 11 Teams (477 Athletes) under that one Club and they only pay a singular Club fee.

We are the only Region in the country that collects individual membership fee. The other Regions only collect a Club/Team fee. Because we do this all current members have a right to vote (participation in voting in 2023 was 58%) for the Board and participate in the General Meeting. As well as, any communication from SRDBA will go directly to the individuals and not filtered first through the Club/Team.

We could explore the possibility of eliminating the individual membership fee but we would first need to do a complete analysis of the impact if it were to be eliminated. But remember although we charge an individual fee, if the fee is paid by a certain date the Clubs receive a rebate up to \$300.

**Action:** (1) Beth asked Laura if a dropdown could be added for when people renew that identifies the different classifications (Paradragon, BCP, ACP and Veteran). (2) Beth noticed that there are three individuals who paid their dues but are not associated with a Club/Team. Laura has tried to contact them with no success. Beth is going to follow up and attempt to contact them.

## **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

We discussed who should head up Youth Engagement Beth said that she has been meaning to ask Tanner to take the lead. Kelly offered to co-lead with Tanner

**Action:** Beth to speak with Tanner on co-lead Youth Engagement with Kelly

**PARA DRAGONS – Peaches Diamond – No report for this Board Meeting**

### **• STATE REPORTS**

- **Alabama (Jodie Kosko):** We still have no Clubs/Teams and/or Members in Alabama. Kelly raised that he has competed in 4 different events within Alabama. Jodie has reached out to the organizers with no response.

**Action:** Beth to reach out to Penny (Dynamic Dragons) to try to make a connection within Alabama. A way to potentially gain interest is to run a steering and/or paddling clinic. As a Region we will do whatever a State would like. We just need a point of interest to get started. We will continue this discussion and develop a path forward after Club Crew.

- **Florida (Bonnie Brett):** This past month the focus has been trying to verify everyone for Club Crew. Thank you to everyone for their assistance!
- **Georgia (Tanner Foreman):** No report for this Board Meeting

- **Kentucky (Teresa Langebrake):** In Kentucky we have a Community Club. The focus this past year has been to recruit new members. The Club has been hosting open practice sessions three days a week.

We competed for the 1st time in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For the first time they had 2 Club Teams attend the festival. Teresa's team from Louisville and a team from the Cleveland Dragon Boat Association. Unfortunately, Cleveland took the whole thing...they were really a good team. Teresa shared that they didn't have a full boat. Overall it was a great festival. Teresa would highly recommend this event in the future. Dynamic Dragons did an overall good job managing the event.

Beth said it is very exciting to see Teresa build up the program as well as getting to know more teams within your area.

Teresa mentioned that there will be the Kentucky Dragon Boat Festival in Northern Kentucky on 7 September.

In addition, they are planning a little exhibition Festival in Lagrange, Kentucky on 5 October. There is a little concern about the weather in October. Teresa said they will be managing the race themselves because it is not expected to be a large event, maybe 10 teams max. Teresa is creating her own team for the event – Vegan Dragon Boat Team.

- **Mississippi (Kelly McGinnis):** Mississippi is looking for ways to grow. They are in the process of purchasing 2 Standard Boats (expected in Jan 2025) from Penny. Kelly feels that there is a lot of opportunity to get people involved with not just a classic team but also the Youth and ParaDragons. They currently have 3500 people that are part of the membership group but once the boats arrive that should get more started.

The boats will be housed at a newly established restaurant which is directly on the water. They will not only allow Kelly's Club to house the boats but also hold team meetings. The other good point of this location is that it is only available for Kayaks, therefore no issue with power boats. It is located on a reservoir on Pillahatchee Bay just outside Jackson, in Rankin County. This location will be accessible year round.

Kelly is trying to do a race with Dynamic Dragons at least once a month. Promoting these events to the people in Mississippi. In the past the events have gone well but nothing happens afterwards. He is trying to use these events to continue to gain momentum for the sport.

**Action:** Kelly to find out if the restaurant is willing to be a corporate sponsor. If so, we can add them to our website and promote them.

- **North Carolina (Open):** No report for this Board Meeting
- **South Carolina (Desiree Maurer):** Not too much to report. They took a Women's Standard Boat to the CanAm event in Welland. It was a great experience, the event was very well run.

There is a new Club in Beaufort that sent a team to the Beaufort Festival. They did pretty well. Desiree will be reaching out to them in the near term and get their thoughts on



getting more involved with the Festivals and becoming members of SRDBA. Beth said she would be happy to run a camp or clinic as an incentive for people to join the region. Beth would like to find anyway possible to help promote the sport.

Desiree commented that we really need to make the effort to recruit the younger generation. That will be critical in growing the sport. Beth heard that some coaches in Tampa went into a local High School to make a presentation Dragon Boating. They then gave the kids a day to come and try it.

The other media in which we can promote the sport is through Social Media (Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook).

Teresa posts intro sessions via Eventbrite. They indicate they will provide the equipment etc. and all are welcome.

Jodie shared another option that has worked in Charleston. Kids at her son’s school were offered the opportunity to go on a Dragon Boat as a reward. That is a great way to introduce kids to the sport.

Barb mentioned that Tanner should develop a “road show” based on her experience. She could go into schools, etc and share her amazing experiences. She would be a great role model for kids.

- **Tennessee (Peaches Diamond):** No report for this Board Meeting

## NEW BUSINESS

The new business for today is focusing on the SRDBA Board Election for 2024. In the table below highlighted in red are the individuals positions that are open for election this year.

POSITION	POSITION HOLDER	TERM DATES
President	Beth Turconi	January 2024 - December 2025
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Mariann Szucs</b>	<b>January 2023 - December 2024</b>
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Florida	Bonnie Brett	January 2024 - December 2025
Mississippi	Kelly McGinnis	April 2024 - December 2025
<b>At Large (Tennessee)</b>	<b>Peaches Diamond</b>	<b>January 2023 - December 2024</b>
Georgia	Tanner Foreman	January 2024 - December 2025

Outlined below is the process that we will be following for the election.

<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>TASK</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
1 October	Update Job Descriptions for Roles that will be up for election	Individuals whose roles are up for election
15 October	Call for nominations email	Beth / Barb
15 October	Notify membership of call for nominations due 30 October	Beth
30 October	Gather nominations (provide weekly update to current board of progress filling slate)	Barb
1 November	Provide a detailed spreadsheet with all active/eligible members of SRDBA to Barb	Laura
1 November	Confirm Election Runner use (gain login access and renew subscription)	Barb
5 – 24 November	Confirm nominations and prep slate (gather bios and begin populating Election Runner)	Barb
25 November	Complete Election Runner Prep	Barb
27 November	Notify membership of Election / Voting Open	Beth
27 November – 11 December	Hold elections via Election Runner	Auto
12 December	Notify current BOD of results and then newly elected BOD of results	Beth / Barb
13 December	Announce General Meeting Date	Beth / Marianne / Barb
20 December	Notify Membership of election results	Beth
26 December	Post Bios and pics to website	Laura
7 January 2025	General Meeting	Beth