

**SRDBA BOARD MEETING  
22 OCTOBER 2024**

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**PARTICIPANTS**

#	Position/Office	P/A/O	Name
1	President*	P	Beth Turconi
2	Vice President*	A	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*	A	Kelly McGinnis
12	Tennessee* (At Large)	A	Peaches Diamond
13	Georgia*	P	Tanner Foreman
	<b>*Voting Member</b>		
	<b>Present</b>	<b>9</b>	
	<b>Absent</b>	<b>3</b>	
	<b>Open</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Quorum for voting IAW the Bylaws</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

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

- Roll Call was completed with 9 of 12 Board Members present. Quorum achieved.
- Call the Meeting to Order at 7:01PM - Beth
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from 20 August April 2024 SRDBA Board Meeting

**Motion to approve:** Bonnie

**Seconded:** Laura

**Board:** 100% Approved

**PRESIDENT REPORT - Beth Turconi**

Peaches was able to, with the help of Paula Humphries get the organizers of the Hernando Dragon Boat Festival to agree to have a Paradrakon Division at the race on 2 November. Unfortunately, Nathan Benderson Park had to pull out of Hernando because they are doing the Turkey Lake Race in Orlando on 3 November. Turkey Lake was originally scheduled for 12 October but because of the Hurricane Milton it was rescheduled to November. God Bless Peaches for her persistence and help from USDBF that was able to add Paradrakons to the 2 November Race. We had also talked about adding a Veterans Division, we will defer to Laura to discuss during the Membership report.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mariann Szucs

Mariann was unable to come this evening so Beth provided an update. Beth is trying to get an idea of the net expense would be for a Regional Championship next year. Beth would like to understand what the paddlers race registration fee would be to offset the expense to SRDBA. We need to understand these costs before we go forward with a vote.

A question was raised on whether we had to select Dynamic Dragon since they are a Corporate Sponsor. The answer is no. Beth has asked Tanner and Bonnie to take that on the question regarding costs.

Beth also raised the question on whether or not we should get an idea of level of expected participation through a short survey of the Club's Coaches. We all agreed that would be a good idea. This can be done through Google Forms or Survey Monkey.

Regarding timing of a Regional Championship we were looking at May or June in Georgia.

**Action:** Tanner and Bonnie to connect with Penny Sandburn (Dynamic Dragon) and Mike Kirkman (Pan Am) to get an understand of the net expenses of a Regional Championship.

**Action:** Bonnie to create a simple survey (bulletin format) to determine interest level in participating in a Regional Championship. The form will be sent to Laura for distribution to the Board for approval. Once approved it will be sent to the Club's Coaches.

## TREASURER REPORT – Dana Bauer

Checking Account detailed report as 9-30-24. We still have not had 2 checks cashed for the rebates. Warring Redi Dragons, Inc. and Dragonboat Community, Inc.

Southeastern Regional DB Assoc Reconciliation Detail 100 · Chase Checking, Period Ending 09/30/24						
Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						30,478.87
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 1 item						
Check	09/17/24		OYOVA SOFTWARE 9...	X	-21.25	-21.25
Total Checks and Payments					-21.25	-21.25
Deposits and Credits - 3 items						
Deposit	09/04/24	DEP	Stripe.com	X	14.26	14.26
Deposit	09/25/24	DEP	Stripe.com	X	387.80	402.06
Deposit	09/27/24	DEP	Stripe.com	X	14.26	416.32
Total Deposits and Credits					416.32	416.32
Total Cleared Transactions					395.07	395.07
Cleared Balance					395.07	30,873.94
Uncleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 2 items						
Check	05/21/24	1166	502 Dragon Boat Com...		-30.00	-30.00
Check	05/21/24	1177	Warring Redi Dragons, ...		-10.00	-40.00
Total Checks and Payments					-40.00	-40.00
Total Uncleared Transactions					-40.00	-40.00
Register Balance as of 09/30/24					355.07	30,833.94
Ending Balance					355.07	30,833.94

CD #7592 \$10,000 due 11-13-24 4.25% Will renew on maturity date

CD #8789 #15,299.04 due 12-14-24 Just renewed to this maturity at 4%

Dana choose the term for the CD's that yields the most interest so the terms vary. The last one was 2 months.

10/21/24

Southeastern Regional DB Assoc  
Account QuickReport  
All Transactions

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split
102 · Chase CD #7592 Check	08/13/24	Trans...	Chase Bank		100 · Chase ...
Total 102 · Chase CD #7592					
TOTAL					

10/21/24

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Amount	Balance
10,000.00	10,000.00
10,000.00	10,000.00
10,000.00	10,000.00

With \$30,800 in the checking drawing no interest, we might consider another CD perhaps for 10,000 or even 5,000. We have no expenses looming and dues will be starting to come in for us in January.

The Board voted on another CD:

**Motion to approve:** Barb

**Seconded:** Beth

**Board:** 100% Approved

**Action:** Dana to obtain another CD.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Laura Brunner

## SRDBA October 2024 Membership Report

**SRDBA 2024 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: 442**

<b><u>DIVISION</u></b>	<b>COUNT</b>
Junior	2
Premier	9
Senior A	22
Senior B	103
Senior C	169
Senior D	137
	<b>442</b>

<b><u>GENDER</u></b>	<b>COUNT</b>
Female	312
Male	130
	<b>442</b>

### **SRDBA CLUBS PER STATE:**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>COUNT</b>
FL	11
GA	2
KY	2
NC	3
SC	4
TN	1
	<b>23</b>

### **REGISTERED CLUBS**

	<b>STATE</b>
CHARLOTTE HARBOR PADDLERS, INC.	FL
GRAND MASTER DRAGON BOAT CLUB	FL
HEART & SOUL DRAGON BOAT CLUB	FL
HEAT	FL
JACKSONVILLE DRAGON BOAT CLUB	FL
JAX FIRE DRAGONS	FL
LAKE COUNTY DRAGON BOAT CLUB - WUN FUN CRU	FL
MIRABAY DRAGON BOAT CLUB	FL
NBP PADDLING	FL
TAMPA RIVER DRAGON BOAT	FL
TEAM SURVIVOR TAMPA BAY AKA PINK DRAGON LADIES	FL
DRAGON BOAT ATLANTA	GA
502 DRAGON BOAT COMMUNITY	KY
KENTUCKY THOROUGH-BREASTS DRAGON BOAT RACING TEAM	KY
HEALING DRAGONS OF LAKE JAMES	NC
ORGANIZED CHAOS DRAGON BOAT CLUB	NC
ORIENTAL DRAGON BOAT CLUB	NC
BOUNDARY WATERS STORM	SC
CHARLESTON PADDLE CLUB	SC
DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON	SC
WARRING REDI DRAGONS	SC
TELLICO HEAT DRAGON BOAT CLUB	TN

**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	97
JACKSONVILLE DRAGON BOAT CLUB	39
JAX FIRE DRAGONS	15
LAKE ACWORTH DRAGONS	1
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 I DRAGONS, INC.	1
	<b>442</b>

**SRDBA CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

DYNAMIC DRAGON BOAT RACING LLC
BOUNDARY WATERS COACHING & CONDITIONING

**SRDBA FESTIVAL REGISTRATIONS**

	<b>Date of Event</b>
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (FL)	10/26/2024
SARASOTA INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (FL)	4/21/2024
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
LAKE JAMES DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (NC)	10/5/2024
PEACH STATE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (GA)	9/27/2025
16TH CUMBERLAND RIVER DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (TN)	10/5/2024
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We have gained two new members. We also have a festival registration for next year – Peach State Dragon Boat Festival. This is not a new festival but hopefully a restart. The organization had fallen apart but they are trying to rebuild.

The other point we discussed is expanding the membership form to collect additional information regarding each paddler. Laura would like to get everyone’s thoughts on what needs to be included. Additionally, we have the option of making our website a membership portal. Because we use wordpress, we can employ free plugins. It would allow us to directly capture data from paddlers Once they log in and create their own

password. This way the paddlers can come back to the site and verify for themselves whether or not they have registered. Laura is hoping this new approach would decrease the amount of refunds that we do every year because of duplicative payments.

We currently have the standard demographic (age, gender) but what else would we like to capture?

- Paradrakon
- BCP
- ACP
- Veteran
- ???

Ideally it would be good if the form had a drop down with multi check capability. There was discussion on what would be the most cost effective tool. The objective is to clean up the data and find a tool that will streamline the capturing of data. Tanner shared a document that they use for the American Canoe Association.

**Action:** (1) Tanner to share the link to the tool used by the American Canoe Association. (2) Laura will create a form and send it out for feedback.

## **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

Tanner and Kelly have agreed to co-lead Youth Engagement. Tanner has made a number of attempts to connect with Kelly with no luck to discuss path forward.

Tanner mentioned that there is a Club in Florida trying to start a Youth Team.

**Action:** Tanner to continue to try to connect with Kelly, hopefully at the Chattajack River Race in Chattanooga, TN.

## **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. 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.

- **Florida (Bonnie Brett):** While in Ravenna, Bonnie spoke to a number of the Florida based teams and asked if there was anything she could do help them. Bonnie has also reached out via email with no response.
- **Georgia (Tanner Foreman):** Tanner has paddled with a couple of more teams, specifically Ackworth. The good news is that they are growing and have expanded practices to include Saturday. In September, they had the Atlanta Hong Kong Dragon Boat festival. It was great fun! The goodnews is that no one flipped (because they were

all Small Boats). The Dragon Boat Atlanta held its second annual Dragon Boat/Yoga Festival. Overall the event went well.

Tanner is trying to work with the person in charge of Small Boats (10 Seaters) in Georgia, to allow teams to rent and/or buy new Small Boats.

- **Kentucky (Teresa Langebrake):** It is hard to believe the season is coming to an end.

They will have their boats in the water until mid November. Since our last meeting Teresa's Community Team participated in the Kentucky Dragon Boat Festival in Northern Kentucky. There were probably over 30 teams competing. Teresa's Louisville 502 team registered as a Community Team and ended up taking 1<sup>st</sup> place. They had a full boat but because of weather had to reduce the boat compliment to 14. Although that decision was disappointing the festival is a great event and Teresa would highly recommend.

We are putting the final touches on the festival to be held in Louisville on Lake Jericho. The festival only had about 50 attendees – 3 Boats. Teresa organized an All Vegan Boat. It went well. It was a great event to get the experience on what it takes to organize a festival.

Teresa would like to organize a training camp that would include work on Paddling, Steering, Coaching, and Drumming.

- **Mississippi (Kelly McGinnis):** No report for this Board Meeting
- **North Carolina (Open):** No report for this Board Meeting
- **South Carolina (Desiree Maurer):** Not to much to report. Dragon Boat Charleston attended the Triangle Festival. It went very well. The Lake James festival was unfortunately cancelled due to Hurrican Helene.

Desiree met with the gentleman who runs the paddle program at Charleston County Parks and Recreation. She wanted to discuss the possibility of a Dragon Boat festival in Charleston. They already hold Special Olympics and other paddling events there. He was very interested. Desiree has forwarded to him information on USDBF and Paradragns. The Festival most likely won't be until 2026, however, Paradragn could be sooner.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Puerto Rico Dragon Boat Festival: The dates for the Festival are 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of February. Its two days of racing. Is there anyone on the call tonight that has indicated their intentions to participate? Right now this is who we have:
  - Bonnie – Steerer
  - Dana – Drummer
  - Desiree – Paddler
  - Jessica – Paddler
  - Kentucky Club – 2 Maybe Paddlers

- Teresa, Jodie and Beth – Paddler4s
- Charleston – 3 Possible Paddlers, including Leslie Hagan
- The Racing Classes are:
  - Mixed
  - Women
  - Open
  - Breast Cancer Survivors and All Cancer Paddlers
  - Paradrags

Teresa has paid the \$550 boat entrance fee. So seat fee should b @\$46.

**Action:** If anyone is interested contact Teresa.

- **Election Update:** In the next few days we will be sending out the Call for Nominations. Barb will send out the proposed communication to the Board as an FYI.

**Action:** If anyone is interested in running for any of the open positions please let Beth know.