



# 2019 Annual Report

**MND&C**  
*Minnesota Dragon Boat Club*

# Our Inaugural Season

The Minnesota Dragon Boat Club is the brainchild of seven women who wanted to create a place for all members of the community to engage in this sport in the greater Twin Cities area while at the same time support cancer survivors and those touched by cancer through the camaraderie and connection a team sport provides. The founders came to know each other and dragon boating through shared participation on a breast cancer survivor team. As they recognized what the sport had given them, they would create a club that could meet folks where they were, and support them as far as they wanted to go.

In 2018, they reached out to a variety of people and groups in the area, seeking ideas and guidance. In early 2019, they were ready to incorporate in the state of Minnesota as a not for profit business, and on June 6, received their 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a public charity. While the club centers individuals who have been impacted by the diagnosis of cancer: those with the disease and those who are touched by the disease through association, membership is open to all.

The Club aspires to be the flagship dragon boat club in Minnesota, fostering community, compassion, challenge, and competition through sport and teamwork.

## 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOUNDERS

- Virginia Moran
- Sandra Rosenberg
- Judith Trudel
- Jennifer Cater (Thorup)
- Marjorie Kron
- Lynne Schriver-Sheedy
- Susan Sheridan



# Chair's Letter

When six other women and I founded this organization, our membership goal was to add 30 additional people to our original seven. At the end of the year we counted 55 members, and are thrilled that over 80% are returning for 2020. It wasn't by accident, however.

We kicked off recruiting in April and early May with four meet-and-greets, and followed up with seven planned open paddle events in May and June, giving folks a chance to try the sport. In June, our club got to work with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and experimented with weekend dates.

As we looked toward festivals, it became clear that we would have enough paddlers to register two boats for the Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival in late August. We focused our August practices towards that event.

Team Blue and Team Green finished 11th and 13th out of 57 teams, but the real measure of accomplishment came in the intangibles of "the excitement, enthusiasm, and the ties and friendships weaved over the day," noted by co-founder Judith Trudel. We demonstrated our commitment to community service through donations to Life House Duluth, the festival organizers described us 'an up and coming brand new club,' and we received the 2019 "Spirit of the Festival" Award.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

- Kevin Filter and Sandi Tazelaar
- Ken and Ellen Green
- Sandy Rosenberg and Jim Liston
- Lynne Schriver-Sheedy and Pat Sheedy
- Marjorie Kron
- Judith Trudel
- Virginia Moran and David Collins
- Linda Woodstrom
- 3rd Act Brewery
- Bent Brewstillery
- Dual Citizen Brewing Company
- Invictus Brewing Company

We paddled through September and into early October before reluctantly putting our boat away for the season. We closed with a club feedback meeting in October, and a club chili cook-off in November, with plans to expand our outreach in 2020. We can't wait!





# The year in photos



Our first practice, May 14



One-on-one training, July 18



Our boat en route from Florida, April 29



Open paddle, May 23



July 4 holiday practice







Volunteering with Midwest Multisports, August 17



Loading for practice in Superior, August 23



Putting the 2019 season to bed, October 19

## 2019 RACING RESULTS

Team Blue, Lake Superior

Dragon Boat Festival

- Heat 1 - 1:59.79
- Heat 2 - 1:56.16
- Overall finish: 13

Team Green, Lake Superior

Dragon Boat Festival

- Heat 1 - 1:54.77
- Heat 2 - 1:54.30
- Overall finish: 11



Spirit of the Festival Award, August 24

# 2019

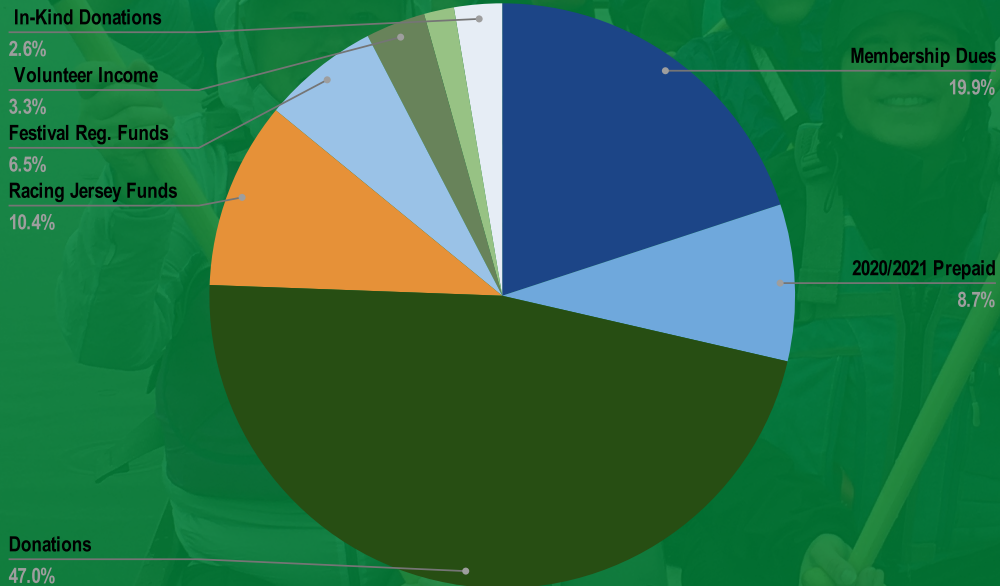




# BY THE NUMBERS

## INCOME

\$26,569.05



## EXPENSES

\$24,099.67

