



Dragonheart Vermont

Member News

Hi Dragonheart Vermont Community,

We're excited to share some important updates, including a call for board nominations, upcoming events, and a special thank you!

Calling All Leaders: Serve on the Dragonheart Vermont Board of Directors!

Dragonheart Vermont thrives thanks to the dedication of our staff and board, working together like the engines of a jet, with the Board Chair and Executive Director as co-pilots. A strong, supportive board is crucial to driving our mission forward.

We're seeking passionate individuals to join our Board of Directors. Each board member serves a 3-year term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. This year, we have four positions opening.

What Board Members Do:

- Attend monthly 2-hour meetings to discuss finance, membership, events, and personnel.
- Actively participate in a committee and fundraising events.

Qualifications:

- Current Dragonheart Vermont member with at least one year of active participation in our programs.
- Demonstrated commitment to Dragonheart Vermont's mission and values.
- Knowledge of and sensitivity to issues concerning breast cancer and survivorship.

Meet Some of Our Current Board Members:

- **Running for Re-election:** Pam Blum (Finance Committee), Neal Hayes (Finance, Festival Advisory, Executive, Equipment & Coach Liaison Committees), Karen Hunt (Treasurer, Executive & Finance Committees)
- **Retiring:** Cathy Buck (Chair, Membership, and Governance Committees)

Nominate Yourself or Someone You Know!

Use this form (you must be logged in to view the form at the bottom):

<https://dragonheartvermont.org/board-of-directors-nomination/>

Nomination Deadline: March 3, 2025

Questions? Contact Cathy Buck at CathyB@dragonheartvermont.org.

A Huge Thank You to Cathy Buck!

We extend our deepest gratitude to Cathy Buck for her exceptional leadership as Board Chair for the past three years. Cathy's dedication has been invaluable, especially during the past year as she worked with Sandra as Executive Director, served as interim ED, hired and onboarded Kyle, and dedicated countless hours to her committee work. She is a true servant leader, always finding the positive in every situation. Thank you, Cathy!



Pool Paddling (Montreal):

Get back in the boat early! Join us for pool training in Montreal.

- **Date:** March 1st, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm EST (Meet at Canal Fitness at 1:45 pm)
- **Cost:** \$25 (paid at signup)
- **Eligibility:** Must have paddled at least one full season with Dragonheart Vermont (exceptions may be made with Coach Brett's approval).
- **Sign Up:** [Link to Calendar](#) (must be logged in)
- **Note:** Space is limited, sign up early! Carpooling is recommended due to limited parking.



Save Your Shamrocks Hockey Tournament

Our 7th annual co-ed ice hockey tournament benefiting Dragonheart Vermont!

- **Date:** Saturday, March 15th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** Leddy Rink, Burlington
- **Details:** High-level tournament with fun Irish festivities. [Learn more](#), [donate](#), or join us on the 15th!

Event Coordinator Position Opening

Our amazing Event Coordinator, Vicky Drew, will be stepping down after the Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival after this year. We thank Vicky for her incredible contributions! We're now seeking a new Events Coordinator. If you're interested, please contact Kyle directly at kyleo@dragonheartvermont.org for more information.

Upcoming Dragonheart Vermont Events

- February 4: New Members Meeting (Teams)
- February 4: Mentors Meeting (Teams)
- March 1: Pool Paddling (Montreal)
- March 11: Annual Membership Meeting (In-person at Faith United Methodist Church)
- March 15: Save Your Shamrocks (Leddy Rink)
- July 19-20: Practice Weekend
- August 2: Community Cancer Survivor Paddle Day
- August 3: Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

With gratitude,
Kyle



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