

Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2024

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	Don Lies
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Steve Printz	Sparta 70	Ken Loomis
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Leathernecks/Warriors		This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Other Attendees			
Leathernecks/Warriors – Susan Ridgeway			

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

Secretary’s Report:

1. September board meeting minutes were posted prior to the meeting
 - a. A motion to approve minutes by Gail, with 2nd by Bill, passed unanimously.
2. Sports – Race Activity Report status
 - a. No update
3. Media Update
 - a. Daily Sun sports editor will publish a bi-weekly GMDBC article
 - i. Articles will cover club and team activities, accomplishments, etc.
 - ii. Articles to be submitted by teams to Media Team (Donnie and Laura) for publication
 - b. Rodeo media
 - i. Posters and flyers will be created and distributed to businesses for distribution
 - ii. Daily Sun will advertise and cover the event
 - iii. Villages Radio will cover the event live

Treasurer’s Report:

1. September financial report was reviewed by Steve Augustine
 - a. Member count at the end of September was 407
 - b. A motion to approve August report by Steve P., with 2nd by John, passed unanimously
2. A club member has been chosen via board vote to audit the books. Treasurer will pursue completion of the audit; thank you to all who volunteered
3. Treasurer will meet with accountant to complete IRS filing next week
 - a. Thank you to team treasurers for their input

4. Scam emails are getting more sophisticated
 - a. Be aware as the sender's email address, content, names and closings are looking more and more legitimate
 - b. Verify the email address of the sender to confirm validity

President's Report:

1. Hurricane Planning
 - a. No practice on Tuesday, until further notice due to hurricane watch being in effect
 - b. Teams to secure the boats Tuesday morning
 - i. Miona – Sparta and Dirty Dozen at 9:00
 - ii. Sumter – Patriots and Sunset Island at 9:00
2. General Meeting will be postponed from October 8 to November
 - a. Linda will send out a club email to advise of the date change
 - b. Agenda will remain as planned
3. Captain's Lunch
 - a. 10/23/2024 from 12-2 at Cheryl's' house: 1605 Moncks Corner in Mallory
 - b. Invitation is for one captain from each team
4. Incidents
 - a. Several heat related incidents have occurred recently
 - b. Captains please remind team members to be aware of risk and to make healthy decisions for themselves and their teams
5. Boat Movement Response
 - a. Thanks for the quick response for securing boats for hurricane Helene
 - b. Thanks in advance for securing boats for hurricane Milton
6. Bathrooms at Lake Sumter
 - a. Club's initial agreement with the Villages to use the boat launch noted that there would not be any public restroom facilities there
 - b. Restrooms at the Waterfront Inn are not to be used
 - c. The new waterfront area will be closer to existing public restrooms
7. Holiday Lake Closure
 - a. Be advised that all Villages Recreation facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. This includes Lake Sumter, so no dragon boating on those days.
 - b. Note that the golf courses are no longer managed by the Villages Rec Dept. Separate rules apply to the golf courses.
8. Communication with the Villages
 - a. GMDBC by-laws, as indicated below, specify that only one single point of contact will communicate with The Villages, County and other agencies on behalf of the club.
 - b. Our POC is President Cheryl Moran
 - c. ALL communications are to be routed through Cheryl. If she is not available the Vice-President, Donnie Lies, is the back-up.

8. Serve, or designate an alternate, as the single point of contact between GMDBC, Villages Recreation Department (VRD), Sumter County Commissioners, and other agencies and departments as required.

Vice-President's Report:

1. October annual Safety Meeting
 - a. Postponed to November General Meeting
2. AED Training
 - a. Don is making arrangements for an AED certified club member to provide training for club members. Don will verify the agency that the trainer is certified through.
 - b. Seabreeze Rec Center is available the 2nd Tuesday of each month when General Meetings are not scheduled for use
 - c. A suggestion to hold additional lake side emergency training was made. This would be to address specifics for emergency response while out on the lake or at the dock.
3. A motion by John, with 2nd by Steve P., to establish an Emergency Coordinator Council made up of representatives from each team passed unanimously.
 - a. As Safety Officer, Donnie will establish this council
 - b. A request to have this council develop and deliver lake side emergency training was made
4. AED at Miona is "LOW"
 - a. Gail will follow up to see if any action needs to be taken to ensure that the AED at Lake Miona is operating correctly.
 - b. Mary DeFranco validates the status of the AED at Lake Sumter monthly as GMDBC owns this unit.
5. New Member Packets
 - a. Packets were reviewed by those present
 - b. Packets will be distributed to all current club members who attend the November General Meeting in addition to all new members upon paying dues.

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Gel coat repair update
 - i. Second boat is in for repair; estimated completion is mid-November
2. Boat storage status
 - a. Will continue in place through mid-November
3. Sale of 2014 BUK Boat
 - a. Per Bill, K2N Dragon Boat Club lost a boat in recent storms
 - b. A motion by Ken, with 2nd by Beth, to donate the 2014 BUK boat and the Purple Boat to the K2N Club passed unanimously
 - c. Bill will contact the K2N Club with our offer
4. Purple Boat
 - a. To be donated to K2N Club per motion above
 - b. Disassemble and dispose by end of the year if K2N Club opts out

Old Business

1. GMDBC Lake Sumter Rodeo – November 16
 - a. A motion by John, with 2nd by Steve P, to approve a \$501 budget for the "1st Annual Stamp Out Hunger Rodeo" was approved unanimously

- i. Budget to include, but not limited to
 1. Crossed wooden paddles to be engraved in lieu of purchasing a plaque
 2. Marketing items such as posters and flyers
 3. Rubber chickens for chicken race
 4. A few special event medals
 - b. Beth offered suggestions for donations to Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry
 - i. Beth is willing to help coordinate food/cash contributions
 - ii. \$300 donation to Soup Kitchen gets GMDBC name acknowledgement
 - iii. Food Pantry prefers coordinated donations (lots of the same thing)
2. Updates to Steer Person/Drummer list – Gail
 - a. No discussion
3. Discussion on purchase of future boats
 - a. No discussion

Race Coordinator Report

1. No discussion

New Business:

1. No discussion

Tabled Items:

1. Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
2. Villages regatta – Postponed until opening of Eastport
3. Long term Planning for Club

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, November 11 at Canal St Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 pm on **November 12th** at Seabreeze Rec Center

- Topics to include Annual Safety Review, PFD canister raffle, updates from Officers Meeting
- New member packets will be provided for all attendees