

Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2024

Attendance: N/A

President		Vice President	
Treasurer		Secretary	
Captains:			
Blackhearts		Silver Dragons	
Dirty Dozen		Sparta 70	
Eastport Sun Dragons		Sunset Island Dragons	
Leathernecks/Warriors		This Boat Rocks	
Paddling Patriots		Village Dragons	
Other Attendees			

E-meeting was confirmed to replace normally scheduled meeting by e-mail vote as requested by President Cheryl Moran via December 2 e-mail. Below is a copy of the emailed December meeting update

On Dec 14, 2024, at 10:21 AM, Cheryl Moran <morancheryl@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Day,

Thanks all for your vote to confirm that an "E-meeting" is acceptable for December so that we meet the requirements set forth by our protocol of having Monthly Board Meetings. No one voted "nay" to accept this plan for december 2024.

Secretary Report

Motion made by Mary Lou Bremer to accept the minutes as written and second by Steve Printz. No one opposed the acceptance of the minutes. Secretary minutes approved

Treasurer Report

Motion made by Beth Bowen to accept the minutes as written and second by Mary Lou Bremer. Noone opposed the acceptance of the minutes. Treasurer.

minutes approved.

You have received a copy of both reports by email from the Officers in charge.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Alert all teams that the January GMDBC General Meeting will be held at Lake Miona Rec Center in place of Seabreeze on 01/14/2025 at 6:30**
- **LAKE SUMTER LANDING ACTIVITIES**

Unfortunately, Lake Sumter remains closed to all water activities and programs. An engineer is scheduled to inspect the boardwalk and docks by month end. Following the inspection, the findings and remedies (if any) will go to The Villages Risk Management Dept. for evaluation and determination of the next steps. We are aware that the dock needs some repairs as does the concrete pad in front of the dock pathway. The pad was broken by contractor's and requires a major repair that includes new footings due to the erosion and waterline. All are anxious to resume the activities on the Lake including the boat operators. I have approached the idea of renting docks for launching the dragon boats. This can be considered pending the results of the engineer report, recommendations, and protocol/timelines of repairs. The use of temporary docks for loading would also need to go to the Risk Management Department with Vendor info, Costs, and type of docks for approvals.

With this being said, I am looking for a volunteer (not an Officer) to research the vendor, what is needed, and costs of this option. We may want to have a projection on the temporary docks should we need an alternative solution to get us back on the water.

- **PWAC**

We have been advised that we should designate individuals to go to the PWAC (Project Wide Advisory Committee) meetings to speak in support of the reconstruction and the benefits of paddling activities at Lake Sumter Landing "as residents" who participate. This needs to be an organized effort by our Board to present our case in a positive manner. I have the basis of what Per and I have presented. We need a consistent message. My hope is that all Captains will step forward as the development of the facility needs support. If you will assist with this and are able to attend, please reach out to me asap. We will be notified when we need to attend the meeting. Based on my employment, I may not be able to attend.

- **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

You have been hearing much this year on The Villages Risk Management from me. We have been approached to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with The Villages. My understanding is that it is a document to protect both parties. It will be a written document to ensure that there is an understanding between the GMDBC and The Villages as leaders change. This will be brought to the Board for acceptance when it is created for Board Acceptance. We will discuss further in January at the Board meeting.

This has been a busy time for a President in the club with many fronts to address. We have hit on the most pressing items. Please allow an extra 30 minutes for the January Board meeting on January 13, 2025. We will review the above in more detail and catch up on Boat Maintenance, Tear down of purple boat, B-Ready, Newspaper articles, and more. We have not had a person come forward to lead boat maintenance. Keep working on it!

The GMBDC group text has been amazing. Well done in communications!

In closing 2024, I want to thank you for your time, energy, commitment, labor, problem solving, and support of me, each other, our teams, and the club. We have been tested all year!

Your team philanthropy, recreation, racing, friendships, and exercise benefits not only our members but the community at large. I am proud of our club.

I am grateful for those who have offered each other grace and comradery as we navigate through this journey. We are in it together! Bring on 2025!

Kindest Regards,

Cheryl Moran

President Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club of The Villages Inc.