

Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2025

Attendance:

President	absent	Vice President	Linda Braun
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Steve Printz	Sunset Island Dragons	(Mary Lou Bremer)
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors	Robin Lockerby	Village Dragons	(Laura Reynolds)
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel		
Other Attendees:			
Leatherneck Warriors – Ken Loomis		Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli	
Silver Dragons – Colleen Campbell			

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

Secretary's Report:

1. March board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the March minutes by Steve P, with 2nd by John, passed unanimously
2. Media Update
 - a. Captains to provide updates to media team on upcoming races
 - b. Recent articles in the Daily Sun have been well-received
 - c. Laura is working with Linda on GMDBC website maintenance
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. March financial report was reviewed by Steve Augustine
 - a. Member count stands at 362 as of 3/30/2025
 - b. A motion to approve the March report by Steve P, with 2nd by Dave, passed unanimously

President's Report:

1. Elections for President and Secretary
 - a. Nominations will be accepted April 1 through May 1 by the club secretary
 - i. Cheryl has accepted nomination for President
 - ii. Laura has accepted nomination for Secretary
 - b. Nominees will have the opportunity to speak at the May board meeting
 - c. Election will be posted to all club members for a two-week voting period in May ending no later than June 1
2. Annual picnic

- a. Thank You to the Patriots for hosting; everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food
- b. Record number of attendees – about 180 which is nearly half of the club membership

Vice-President's Report:

- 1. B-Ready Committee
 - a. Good safety set up in place already
 - b. Considering if each boat should carry a first aid kit, also investigating on-board CPR
 - Some suggested items for quick response were reviewed by Linda
 - c. Recommended that coaches/captains download the Where Am I app to assist with emergency locations
 - d. Incident report form is on the website under safety
 - Completed forms to be provided to Cheryl
 - Reports should be filed for boat and people injuries/incidents
 - e. Request that B-Ready also focus on prevention; ie. heat index, dehydration, etc

Boat Maintenance:

- 1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Gel Coat repair update
 - i. No update from Salty Dog on current status of boat in progress
 - ii. Frank has repaired small scratches on other boats
- 2. Fleet Status Discussion
 - a. Assessment/Repairs of boats
 - i. Most repairs previously noted by Frank have been addressed at a cost of \$110
 - 1. 2 dollies at Lake Miona need new axles
 - ii. Thank You to Ed Grayson and Frank for their efforts
 - iii. A motion by Steve P., seconded by Gail, to proceed with a painting/pizza party to fix the scales on the exterior of several boats passed unanimously
 - 1. Frank will coordinate
 - b. Handholds on new GMDBC boat
 - i. Boat was picked up on April 12
 - ii. Will be repaired and then returned to Lake Sumter when the lake is opened back up
 - c. Wrap for newest boat
 - i. Suggestion to NOT use a black background
 - ii. John will consult with designer
 - d. A concern was raised by Steve P. regarding the effectiveness of the existing bumpers on the dock at Lake Sumter in preventing exterior damage to the boats
 - i. Laura and Steve A to check status on inflatable bumpers in storage locker

Race Coordinator Report

- 1. Paddling Patriots Race Around Lake Sumter team event
 - a. Completed 8 races around Lake Sumter; medals were awarded

- b. Will put info on website
- 2. Bunny challenge was a fun success
 - a. Dragon Boat USA facebook page picked it up and posted as well

Old Business

- 3. Seabreeze meeting room is available July 15 and September 9
 - a. Warriors have reserved for June and August
 - b. Contact Laura if your team can use the room
- 4. GMDBC Rodeo on Lake Sumter
 - a. This event will be held at Eastport due to parking constraints at Sumter Landing

New Business:

- 1. Villages Memorandum of Understanding
 - a. Has been received from the villages and is under review by Officers
- 2. Interim practice Schedule on Lake Miona while Sumter is closed for pump house maintenance
 - a. Paddling Patriots will take open Monday slot ; no other changes
 - b. Please encourage team members to carpool as parking is very limited

Tabled Items:

- 1. PWACC and County Meeting as needed volunteers: Cheryl, Steve A, Steve P, Laura
- 2. Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
- 3. Villages regatta – Postponed until opening of Eastport
- 4. Long term Planning for Club

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, May 12th at Canal St Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 pm, May 13th at Seabreeze Rec Center