

Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	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	
Eastport Sun Dragons		This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors	Robin Lockerby	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Paddling Patriots			
Other Attendees:			
Leatherneck Warriors – Ken Loomis		Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli	
Silver Dragons – Colleen Campbell		Eastport Sun Dragons – Lynn Maready	
Sunset Islands – Julie Lacey		Paddling Patriots – Steve Shauer	

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

Secretary's Report:

1. June board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the June minutes by Steve P, with 2nd by John, passed unanimously

2. Treasurer's Report:

1. June financial report was presented by Steve Augustine
 - a. Member count stands at 392
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by John, with 2nd by Steve P., passed unanimously
 - c. Captains were notified that the year- end numbers for their teams accounts are due August 31 for the IRS annual report. Sparta will need to provide a report with a zero balance
 - d. Reminder that the club has officers and liability insurance to protect the board and captains

President's Report:

1. Congrats to the Leatherneck Warriors for their participation in the Pan American races in Montreal
 - a. 211 teams participated, said to be the 2nd largest event in the world with approximately 2500 athletes
 - b. Won bronze medals in both the 200 and 2000 meter Sr. D events
 - c. Bob Kane was honored; noted that was influential in establishing the Sr. D race category

2. John Rohan is very excited about being starter at the Chicken boat race for the GMDBC 15th Anniversary event planned for July 18 at Lake Sumter
 - a. John was on the Villages Radio today and mentioned this event along with Lake Sumter and Eastport improvement plans
 - b. Cheryl extended invitations to other developer contacts to be on the starter boat
 - c. Captains please address holes in sand along the launch area prior to Friday's event
 - i. Shovels and rakes in the storage bin can be used to even out the launch area
 - ii. Any risk areas should be marked with flags
 - iii. Reminded again that ALL grievances to the developer MUST go through Cheryl
 - iv. This has been documented in the club Rules & Procedures from day 1 and all club members must adhere
3. Lake Sumter Build Out
 - a. About 1.5 – 2 years out from completion
 - b. Plans in place include all of the clubs requests to date
 - c. Officers selected to attend an upcoming CDD meeting should be prepared to discuss the following club/team activities;
 - i. Charitable contributions
 - ii. Breast Cancer survivor participation
 - iii. Training opportunities provided
 - iv. Championship race participation
 - v. Education classes available
 - vi. Dragon Boat capital preparedness
4. Eastport AED
 - a. Villages will likely not provide an AED for Central Lake location; Club may provide if desired
 - b. A motion by John to purchase an AED for Eastport, assuming that Developer officially declines, with a spending cap of \$2000, seconded by Linda, was approved unanimously
 - i. Steve A will follow up on the purchase of the AED

Vice-President's Report:

1. Safety
 - a. No new incident reports have been received
 - b. Safety whistles have been provided to captains for steerers and safety team reps
 - c. Pat Bradley will speak to the club regarding conducting CPR in the boat at the November General meeting

Boat Maintenance:

1. Frames are NOT to be stacked during practices AND boats have been found unlocked at Miona
 - a. Stacking damages the frames; please refrain from doing so
 - b. Boat locks should always be double checked
 - c. Captains should please remind everyone of these issues
2. Ed Grayson on TBR cleaned the mildewed boat cover for us
 - a. Laura to send a card of thanks
3. 10-man boat holding water

- a. Crack inside the hull, which Frank has repaired, was not the cause, but rather recent heavy rain
 - b. This boat is considered sea worthy and available for use
 - c. Make sure that rear drain plugs are in place correctly; if needed tilt the boat forward to drain any gathered water in the back of the boat
- 4. Hydrilla maintenance
 - a. Hydrilla has been treated recently as per the EPA schedule
- 5. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Gel Coat
 - i. One boat (#4) remaining at Sumter to be re-gel coated
 - ii. Boat swap will be next Wednesday between 9-10
 - b. Magic erasers work well for cleaning the bottom and sides of the boats
 - i. Frank will provide at both lakes
 - c. Flag brackets for boats will be completed tomorrow
- 6. Lake Sumter Inventory due 10/31 to the Developer
 - a. Linda has completed an inventory of the storage box at Lake Sumter
 - b. Laura has been assigned to complete overall inventory and deliver to the developer
- 7. Boat seaworthiness inspection is due 10/31 to the Developer
 - a. Frank Lupoli has been assigned to complete this task

Old Business

- 1. GMDBC 15th Anniversary celebration; July 18 at Lake Sumter
 - a. Committee has met several times
 - i. Daily Sun will be there, photographer requested
 - ii. Pontoon boat will be starter boat (Cheryl, John R, et al)
 - iii. Medals have been received (100)
 - iv. Key positions are filled (check-in, starter, finish line, dockmasters, etc)
 - v. Next club update will go out Monday evening
- 2. Seabreeze meeting room availability
 - a. December is open
 - b. July - TBR, August – Leatherneck Warriors, September –Blackhearts, October – General Meeting, November – Taco Tuesday General Meeting (Blackhearts)
- 3. Long Range Planning
 - a. Long Range Planning team will meet this fall
 - i. Board has recommended purchase of a 10-man boat for Eastport
 - ii. John will submit a quote for a 10-man boat to the planning team

New Business:

- 1. Long Range planning
 - a. October Safety Meeting planning
 - b. Taco Tuesday for November General Meeting

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

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

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

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 pm, October 14th at Sea Breeze Rec Center