

Board Meeting Minutes August 11, 2025

Attendance:

President		Vice President	
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou	Silver Dragons	
Dirty Dozen		Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	This Boat Rocks	
Leatherneck Warriors	Robin	Village Dragons	
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel		
Other Attendees:			
Leatherneck Warriors – Ken Loomis		Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli	
Silver Dragons – Colleen Campbell		TBR – Rita Girou	
Village Dragons – Laura Reynolds			

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 John, with 2nd by Robin, passed unanimously
2. Lake Sumter Landing inventory completed and turned in to the developer

3. Treasurer's Report:

1. July financial report was presented by Steve Augustine
 - a. Member count stands at 402
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by Rita, with 2nd by Gail, passed unanimously

President's Report:

1. Deferred to September

Vice-President's Report:

1. Deferred to September

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Gel Coat
 - i. Last boat (#4) picked up from Lake Sumter on July 23
 - b. Tightened several loose seats; please remember not to step down on or lift up on seats; use the gunwale for support standing up
 - c. September boat cleaning

- i. Blackheart and Paddling Patriots
 - ii. Magic erasers work well; some materials are in the storage bins at the lakes
 - iii. Turtle Wax product will both wash and wax the hull
 - d. PLEASE ensure that the boats and lockers are secure; multiple reports over the past few months that open locks are found
 - i. Captains should assign ONE individual to ensure area is secure after each practice
 - ii. Boats and storage bins must be secured
 - iii. ALSO – check all boats at each practice to ensure they are covered and not holding water
 - e. Hurricane season is coming – what’s the plan?
 - i. Robin/Ken will document the process they use at Miona for review/discussion at the next board meeting
 - f. Buk boat porthole is broken
 - i. John will order the parts as we can repair this ourselves
 - g. Future seat repairs can be done by using composite material
 - i. Frank will look into that with Ed Grayson
 - ii. Other clubs have successfully used this material for seat replacement
2. Lake Sumter Inventory due 10/31 to the Developer - complete
 - a. Inventory was received by Kacie Linton and will be on file with Tom Adams
 - b. Updated inventory due by 10/31/2026
 3. 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. Great turnout even though races were cancelled due to severe heat index (114)
 - b. Laura has medals for those who participated and did not pick them up at the event
 - c. Many thanks for those planning and making the 15th Anniversary Event a success! The team worked hard to make it really nice and it was pulled off successfully without the Chicken Race! Nice press/media too! Many want this to be scheduled early next year! - Cheryl
2. Seabreeze meeting room availability
 - a. December has been requested by Robin
 - b. August – **open**, September –Blackhearts, October – General Meeting, November – Taco Tuesday General Meeting (Blackhearts)
3. AED for Eastport
 - a. Steve A is working on this
4. Long Range Planning
 - a. Long Range Planning team will meet this fall
 - b. Board has recommended purchase of a 10-man boat for Eastport
 - Mike Kerkmann has boats arriving this fall
 - Initial estimate from Kerkmann for boat and seat provided to John is \$8800 with 50% down
 - Estimate for head/tail and steering oar is also needed

- Need for boat dolly is dependent upon Eastport design
- Decided to get estimate update prior to the September meeting and continue discussion as the impact of tariffs are not yet known
- Bill will research availability of a used 10-man boat for purchase
- A motion to purchase a boat will need club consensus; upcoming general meetings will provide a forum for presentation should the board decide to proceed
- This would fill the Eastport boat house and give us one spare boat in storage to accommodate repairs, etc.

New Business:

1. PWAC Meeting update
 - a. Attended today by John, Per Olesen, Steve A. and Laura
 - b. Approval to request bids for the design was granted
2. A Board planning event/social is scheduled for September 30 at 6:00 PM
 - a. Details TBD
3. Long Range planning
 - a. October Annual Safety Meeting
 - i. Linda checking to see about sheriffs availability
 - b. Taco Tuesday for November General Meeting
4. Coached Technical Practices at Lake Sumter available
 - a. Monday at 8:00 AM there are 10 spots available
 - b. Practice focuses on technique with feedback provided
 - c. Robin will text out availability dates to captains
5. Rule question brought up by Leatherneck Warriors
 - a. Rules state that only GMDBC members can paddle in races on P4, sec 4.2
 - i. Proposed to eliminate if no longer applicable
 - ii. Laura to follow up with Cheryl

Tabled Items:

1. Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
2. Villages regatta – Postponed until opening of Eastport

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, September 8th at Canal St Rec Center

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