

Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2025

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	Linda Braun
Treasurer		Secretary	
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Steve Printz	Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Eastport Sun Dragons		This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors	Robin Lockerby	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel		
Other Attendees:			
Leatherneck Warriors – Ken Loomis		Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli	
Eastport Sun Dragons – Lynn Maready, Glen Smith			

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

Secretary's Report:

1. August board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the June minutes by John, with 2nd by Steve P, passed unanimously
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. July financial report was previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. Member count stands at 409
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by Steve P, with 2nd by John, passed unanimously

President's Report:

1. Congratulations to Blackheart and Leatherneck Warrior teams on their participation and placement in the Atlanta Hong Kong Dragon Boat festival.
2. Captains please remind paddlers that they should not park in the hotel parking lot
3. Captains please ensure that teams are not stacking boat cover frames

Vice-President's Report:

1. A request for Sumter County Sheriff's Department presentation at an upcoming general meeting has been submitted
2. Village Kayak and Canoe Club's PFD safety/usage demonstration at Mulberry Rec Center is open to GMDBC members. A reminder will be sent out to all members

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Gel Coat
 - i. Last boat (#4) gel coat will begin in October
 - b. Boat dolly axles will be assessed by the end of September
 - c. Seat repairs and hatch cover replacement on the Buk boat at Lake Sumter are complete.
 - d. Bill Clark will provide a tarp/cover for boat stored at Alhambra
 - e. September boat cleaning
 - i. Blackheart and Paddling Patriots - complete
 - ii. Eastport completed boat cleaning at Miona; cleaning schedule needs to be updated to reflect the 3 teams paddling there
2. Boat seaworthiness inspection is due 10/31 to the Developer
 - a. Mike Kirkman will work with Frank Lupoli, Beth Bowen and John Townley to complete the boat inspections by October 15th.

Old Business

1. Seabreeze meeting room availability
 - a. September –now available
 - b. October – General Meeting
 - i. Discussion on prizes for Safety Meeting was tabled
 - c. November – Taco Tuesday General Meeting (Blackhearts)
 - i. Pat Bradly will speak regarding CPR incident at Tampa
 - d. December has been requested by Robin
2. AED for Eastport
 - a. No update, but remains in progress
3. Long Range Planning
 - a. A motion by Bill Clark to purchase a 10-person boat for the Eastport location not to exceed \$12,000 ,with 2nd by Steve P., passed unanimously
 - b. The purchase of a head and tail for the 10-person boat will be considered at a later date
 - c. An email vote will be sent out to the general membership for approval of this purchase
4. Board Event
 - a. September 30, 6 PM at Bonifay
 - b. Discussion will include the hopes and dreams of the GMDBC as well as long-term planning for Eastport, including which teams will be paddling there.
5. Change of Rule request (P4, sec 4.2)
 - a. request to be able to include non-member paddlers in out of state races was tabled

New Business:

1. IDBF support for the “D” class
 - a. Competitive teams should review the email request
 - b. Responses to support this effort should be coordinated with Laura R
2. Paddlers with open wounds should consider not paddling or using waterproof bandages to prevent issues
3. A request to place like manufactured boats in one location was made.
 - a. Preference for Champion boats at Lake Sumter was noted

4. A discussion regarding improving communication between teams and their members in order to facilitate cross-team support and cooperation was held. The board will continue to focus on a “one club” approach regardless of the number of teams within the club.

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 2:26 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, October 13th at Canal St Rec Center

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