

Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 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	Bill Clark
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors	Robin Lockerby	Village Dragons	Laura Reynolds
Paddling Patriots			
Other Attendees:			
CERT – Glen Smith		Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli	
Paddling Patriots – Beverly Hudson			

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

Secretary's Report:

1. September amended board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes as amended by John, with 2nd by Steve P, passed unanimously
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. September financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 410
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by Steve P, with 2nd by John, passed unanimously
 2. IRS forms status
 - a. Taxes will be completed by Oct 31
 - b. audit to be completed Q4

President's Report:

1. Central Lake first paddle review
 - a. GMDBC officers and board participated in an inaugural paddle in the boat newly purchased by The Villages on Thursday, October 9
 - b. John Rohan said it was an amazing event for him
2. Requests for Central Lake improvements
 - a. Bumper Cushioning on dock perimeter
 - b. Dock cleats –Mike Kerkmann is providing a recommendation to the Villages
 - c. 50-75' hose and nozzle
 - d. The Villages is considering an improvement to the launch area; potentially a floating dock or winch system to ease launch and boat storage activities.

Vice-President's Report:

1. Safety Matters
 - a. Request was made for the Lake Miona AED to be checked by the county; contact the assistant county administrator for assistance if needed
2. CERTS AED training 2026 – Glen Smith
 - a. Glen will announce this opportunity at the General Meeting tomorrow
 - b. Training is scheduled for Feb 10, 6:00 pm – 9:20 pm at SeaBreeze Rec center
 - i. max of 44 participants
 - c. Link to online registration will be sent by Linda in Q4
 - i. Registration deadline is 1/31
 - ii. non-club members may join the class if room is available after the deadline
 - d. A motion by Steve P, seconded by Linda, to provide CERT of the Villages a gratuity of \$400 in appreciation of their efforts passed unanimously
3. Captains, please remind team members of the importance of attending the October Safety Meeting

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Loose seats are being repaired
 - b. Linda will repair the boat numbers on the Buk boats
 - c. Chips in Miona boats have been repaired
2. Gel coat repair project
 - a. Last repaired boat will be delivered to Alhambra storage on October 21 at 11:00 AM
 - b. Volunteers are needed as this is a trailer to trailer boat move
 - i. Beth will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the General Meeting
 - c. Boards and straps for boat storage will be available
 - d. Tarps should not be required to cover the boat as it will be stored with the hull up
 - e. This will complete the gel coat project
3. Central Lake
 - a. Mike Kerkmann delivered 3 nose pads for storing the boats in the Central Lake boat house to John. The request had been made one day prior.
 - b. A trial run of boat launch and storage with the new dolly and nose pad will be scheduled
 - i. Eastport Sun Dragons will take the lead
 - c. Sunset Island Dragons and Eastport Sun Dragons will complete a trial run on Central Lake with two boats.
 - i. When a date has been determined Cheryl will set this up with the Rec Dept.
 - d. Boat Equipment needed at Central Lake
 - i. Bailer – one was put in the Villages boat at trial run
 - ii. Bow line and Stern line 25' minimum length – Steve A
 - iii. Launch lines – double length - Frank
 - iv. Dolly lines – Double length - Frank
 - v. Wheel chocks – 3 sets - Steve A
 - vi. Seat numbers for two boats - Linda
 - vii. Safety Instructions for each boat – Linda

- 1. Cheryl will provide the emergency address
 - viii. Air horn supply for boats and storage in boat house. – Steve A
 - ix. Fenders (4) - Frank
 - x. Two wheel turning dolly for front movement –
 - 1. Gail will assess Dragon Sisters process and make a recommendation to the board
 - e. Storage Unit on 466 to be emptied when Central Lake opens
 - i. Needed items in the storage unit will be moved to Central Lake storage building
 - ii. Shelving in the Central Lake storage unit will be expanded and secured to the wall
 - iii. Two rows of shelving will be lined with a solid surface
- 4. Hurricane Protocol Discussion
 - a. Warriors proposal was reviewed
 - b. Robin/Laura will update proposal to address all boat storage locations and steering oars
 - c. Recommendation was made to remove details on anchoring and to add a hurricane on-call list including representatives from all teams
 - d. President and/or Vice President will decide when to implement the plan when bad weather is approaching

Old Business

- 1. Boat seaworthiness inspection due October 31
 - a. Report was delivered by Mike Kerkmann via email to Cheryl on September 26 at no charge
 - b. A motion by Steve P, seconded by Gail, to provide a gratuity of \$500 to Mike Kerkmann in appreciation of his ongoing support of GMDBC including boat inspections, assistance with boat maintenance/availability and the immediate response on new nose pads passed unanimously.
- 2. Seabreeze meeting room availability
 - a. October – General Meeting
 - i. Discussion on prizes for Safety Meeting was tabled
 - b. November – Taco Tuesday General Meeting (Blackhearts)
 - i. Pat Bradly will speak regarding CPR incident at Tampa
 - c. December room availability was cancelled by the Rec Center
- 3. AED for Eastport
 - a. A new AED will be ordered in Q4
 - b. It will be located on a shelf in boat storage garage at Central Lake
- 4. Long Range Planning
 - a. Club vote to purchase a 10-person boat for the Eastport location is complete.
 - i. Total vote of 196; 187 yes votes, 6 no votes, 3 abstain votes
 - ii. Purchase will proceed as recommended by the board.
 - iii. A 50% deposit has been paid
- 5. Division D IDBF petition
 - a. Petitions have been returned to Robin/Laura
 - b. Additional signatures will be collected at the next General Meeting

- c. Robin will forward all collected signatures to Bob Kane for inclusion in a request to IDBF
- 6. Change of Rule request (P4, sec 4.2)
 - a. Current Rule states: **Only GMDBC members may paddle with GMDBC teams in competitions.** Steerpersons and /or drummers are exceptions to the Club membership requirements.
 - b. Request submitted to allow non-GMDBC paddlers in races where no other GMDBC team is competing.
 - c. A motion by Steve P, seconded by John, to approve the rule change as noted above was unanimously approved.
 - d. Robin will present at the next General Meeting for club approval

New Business:

- 1. Eastport Sun Dragons had a boat capsize at Turkey Lake competition
 - a. A letter of concern was sent to the race administrator, Great White North, from the team captain and coaches regarding the lack of support provided to the swamped team members and overall lack of concern shown by the race administrator
 - b. An additional letter will be sent on behalf of the GMDBC Club and other teams who participated in that event
 - i. Laura will coordinate with Blackhearts and Leatherneck Warriors on the letter
- 2. Race Coordinator Role
 - a. A motion by Steve P., seconded by Robin, to remove the role of the Race Coordinator was unanimously approved.
 - b. A vote by the club is needed for final approval on changes to the club Rules and Regulations
- 3. Grievances regarding Team Compliance Violations
 - a. A grievance was submitted regarding violation of the safety rule for fog safety on Lake Sumter. Based on the investigation, 4 leaders confirmed the infractions and reminded the coach of the rule
 - b. The captain of the team in violation was not present during the violation and has clearly addressed the issue with all responsible parties
 - c. As per the Grievances section of the club's Rules and Responsibilities whereby the board may determine sanctions if deemed appropriate, a motion by Steve P., seconded by Laura, to suspend the coach and steerers involved in the violation from participating in all GMDBC paddling activities and access to all club assets for a period of 5 consecutive days effective Tuesday, October 14th was approved by the board with 5 yeas and 2 nays

Tabled Items:

- 1. Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
- 2. Villages regatta/chicken races – Postponed until opening of Eastport
- 3. Long range planning for club

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, November 10th at Canal St Rec Center

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

General Meetings for 2026 will be held in January, April, May, October and November