

Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 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	Bill Clark
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors		Village Dragons	Laura Reynolds
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel		
Other Attendees:			
Maintenance Chair -			

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

Secretary's Report:

1. October 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. Thank you card and gratuity has been delivered to Mike Kerkmann
3. Thank you card has been mailed to Sgt Adam Dodge
 - a. Donation TBD
4. Letters have been sent to GWN in FL and Canada regarding the incident at the Orlando International Dragon Boat Festival on behalf of the GMDBC Officers
5. Emails were sent to SRDBF and IDBF regarding the incident at the Orlando International Dragon Boat Festival on behalf of the GMDBC Officers
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. October financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 436
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by Dave, with 2nd by Gail, passed unanimously
 2. IRS forms status
 - a. Taxes have been filed
 3. Annual audit is underway

President's Report:

1. Deferred to December

Vice-President's Report:

1. Safety Matters

- a. Request was made for the Lake Miona AED to be checked by the county; no response as yet. Steve P will reach out to his contact.
- 2. CERT AED training 2026 – Reminder
 - a. Training is scheduled for Feb 10, 6:00 pm – 9:20 pm at SeaBreeze Rec center
 - i. max of 44 participants
 - b. Link to online registration has been sent out

Boat Maintenance:

- 1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Numbers on boats have been updated at Sumter; numbers are ready for Central Lake
 - b. Dollies at both lakes are in good condition

Central Lake

- 1. New Boat Delivery
 - a. 10 and 20 man boats are available for delivery
 - i. Cheryl working with Rec Dept to get a date
 - c. Wrap for the 10-man boat has been ordered and paid for
- 2. Test New Dolly and Nose Pad
 - a. Eastport Sun Dragons will take the lead once lake access is available
- 4. Boat Equipment needed at Central Lake
 - a. Bailer – Linda; done
 - b. Bow line and Stern line 25' minimum length – Steve A
 - c. Launch lines – double length – Frank; done
 - d. Dolly lines – Double length – Frank; done
 - e. Wheel chocks – 3 sets - Steve A; done
 - f. Seat numbers for two boats – Linda; ready
 - g. Safety Instructions for each boat – Linda
 - i. Cheryl will provide the emergency address
 - h. Air horn supply for boats and storage in boat house. – Steve A; done
 - i. Fenders (4) – Frank; done
 - j. Two wheel turning dolly assessment –
 - i. Gail reported that other teams at Miona use a dolly with only 2 wheels which allows it to turn with a bit of manual effort
 - k. Empty Storage Unit on 466
 - i. Pending access to Central Lake
- 5. Hurricane Protocol Discussion
 - a. Updated proposal was distributed

Old Business

- 1. Seabreeze meeting room availability
 - a. November – Taco Tuesday General Meeting (Blackhearts)
 - i. Pat Bradley will speak
 - ii. Room set up request is complete
 - b. December room has been obtained at La Hacienda Rec Center

2. AED for Eastport
 - a. A new AED will be ordered in Q4
 - i. Cost is estimated to exceed amount approved in the prior board meeting
 - ii. A motion by Steve P, seconded by John, to increase the budget amount for the AED purchase to \$2500 was unanimously approved
3. Change of Rule request (P4, sec 4.2).
 - a. Request submitted to allow non-GMDBC paddlers in races where no other GMDBC team is competing was approved by club vote; 102 ayes, 30 nays, 3 abstains
4. Race Coordinator Role
 - a. Per club vote this Role will be removed; 124 ayes, 5 nays, 5 abstain

New Business:

1. Updated GMDBC Waivers for 2026
 - a. Distributed draft documents for 2026 for review
 - i. Added Central Lake to and remove Sparta from Release Agreement
 - ii. Improved clarity of form requirements
 - iii. Added captains info for tracking new member details
2. Request for Sumter County Dragon Boat Club – Steve P
 - a. Request was received from Wildwood commissioner to attend December 8th 9:00 am meeting and speak in support of SCDBC
 - b. GMDBC organization will not speak on behalf of SCDBC; neither for nor against
 - c. The board recognized that individual members of GMDBC are free to participate in SCDBC activities, understanding that they are not representatives of GMDBC at those activities

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 2:40 PM

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

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 pm, January 13th at Sea Breeze Rec Center

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