

Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 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		Sunset Island Dragons	Bill Clark
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors	Robin Lockerby	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel		
Other Attendees:			
Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli			
Dirty Dozen –Karen Ness			

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

Secretary's Report:

1. November board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes by John, with 2nd by Karen, passed with 11 yays, one abstain and no nays
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. November financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 440
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by John, with 2nd by Mary Lou, passed unanimously
 2. Reminder that no club or team payments can be made to guest coaches
 - a. A gratuity paid by team members is allowed; see Blackhearts for advice
 3. Annual audit is underway
 4. AED order is ready and awaiting a discount opportunity

President's Report:

1. Central Lake Opening
 - a. Cheryl is following up with the rec department to finalize details prior to open
 - i. Tentative opening date is in January
 - ii. Gail (Eastport Sun Dragons) will determine launch process and then will share the process with all teams
 - b. Eastport hotel theme is Dragon Boating
2. Sumter County Dragon Boat Club
 - a. Laura and Cheryl will draft and send an email to SCDBC board to request that displays of video content on the SCDBC website and SCDBC promotions representing GMDBC club and teams should be included only as links to GMDBC websites

- b. Steve and Laura attended the Dec 8 Wildwood City Council meeting to observe the discussion regarding SCDBC's request for permission to use Lake Deaton
- 3. Captains wish list highlights from previous Captains Meeting
 - a. Kindness and cooperation amongst teams
 - b. More club level activities; using General Meetings to promote more social activities at the club level

Vice-President's Report:

- 1. Safety Matters
 - a. Remember to complete incident reports as needed
 - i. Forms are available on the GMDBC website
 - b. Steerperson has final say on taking control of the boat due to any adverse condition, not the captain or the coach
 - i. Captains please remind team members to be sure to communicate issues to the steerperson asap while on the boat
 - c. Ensure that injured or compromised individuals are not left alone and gotten home safely
 - d. If team members are ill please ask them to stay home
- 2. CERT AED training 2026 – Reminder
 - a. 28 registrants so far, room for 44
 - b. Linda will send a reminder to the club

Boat Maintenance:

- 1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Boats have been cleaned as per schedule

Central Lake

- 1. New Boat Delivery
 - a. One dolly is available now from Mike K for delivery to Eastport
 - b. 10 and 20 man boats are available for delivery
 - i. Some Rec Department maintenance items still outstanding
 - ii. Cheryl is working with Rec Dept to get a completion date
 - b. Once all items are resolved, Eastport Sun Dragons will set up initial paddle
- 2. Boat Equipment needed at Central Lake
 - a. Please see that all acquired items get to Gail for delivery to Central Lake
 - b. Items Needed
 - i. Complete; bailer, lines (bow/stern lines, launch lines, dolly lines), wheel chocks, air horns, fenders, seat numbers
 - ii. Outstanding; address for safety instructions, safety instructions

Old Business

- 1. Updated club waivers

- a. A motion by Linda, with 2nd by Gail, to adopt the updated club waivers for 2026 passed unanimously
- b. The new waivers will be provided to captains along with updated insurance and Rec Dept waivers ; likely in January 2026

New Business:

1. Seabreeze General Meeting Schedule
 - a. January – Soup Night Silver Dragons
 - i. IDBF Senior D update by Bob Kane
 - b. February – AED training
 - c. March – St. Patricks – This Boat Rocks
 - d. April – Picnic – Paddling Patriots
 - e. May- candidate night for President and Treasurer
 - f. September – TBD
 - g. October- Safety Meeting – Linda B
 - h. November- Taco Tuesday; Eastport??
 - i. June, July, August open for team use
 - j. December –Blackhearts has requested the room
2. Club Membership Growth Plan
 - a. TBR is scheduling new paddler opportunities and will post details to the GMDBC website
 - b. Warriors is also offering new paddling opportunity
 - c. Laura will work on new member landing page on the website
 - d. All teams can provide updates to Laura on their team info on the website
3. Rodeo
 - a. Robin will see if the Warriors are interested in picking this back up
 - b. Suggested that we include Community Races (Fire Dept, Sherriff's Office, Sales Team, etc) in the event
4. Chicken Races
 - a. Reschedule to February/March 2026 at Lake Sumter
 - b. Bill will lead this effort
 - c. Suggested that event be held during Village Dragons afternoon practice time
5. Vice President responsibilities
 - a. 4 Officers for 9 teams, 3 locations and 440 members is getting to be a lot
 - b. Recommendation was made to research additional roles including a 2nd VP
 - i. Would require a by-law change
 - c. A motion by Beth, with 2nd by John to create a task force to research this passed unanimously
 - i. Beth and John will work with Cheryl on this
6. SRDBA Members please look for email regarding their General Election
 - a. GMDBC member
 - b. Lois Edwards is on the ballot for the Membership Director position

Tabled Items:

1. Seniors and Masters Invitational Race Day
2. Proposal pending for exhibition races with The District participants- more to come 2026

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, January 12th at Canal St Rec Center

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