

Board Meeting Minutes Jan 12, 2026

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		Village Dragons	
Paddling Patriots			
Other Attendees:			
Maintenance Chair - Frank Lupoli		Leatherneck Warriors – Matthew Weinstein	
Dirty Dozen – Karen Ness		Sunset Island Dragons – Julie Lacey	
Eastport Sun Dragons – Michael Flynn		Village Dragons – Jane Spellacy	

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

Secretary's Report:

1. December board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes by John, with 2nd by Linda, passed unanimously
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. December financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 447
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by Gail, with 2nd by Mary Lou, passed unanimously
 2. Annual audit was successfully completed
 3. AED order has been placed

President's Report:

1. Taskforce met to discuss adding a 2nd Vice President role
 - a. Recommendation is to proceed
 - b. John, Beth & Laura to format roles and responsibilities
 - c. Once approved by the board and the club, an appointment will be made to fill the role for 2026
 - d. The position will be elected on years opposite the Vice President (odd years)
2. Central Lake Opening – January 14
 - a. Access to the Central Lake boathouse was discussed
 - b. Discussed contact protocols for engaging potential new members
 - c. Fair share applies to all boats, including the Villages Rec Department boat
 - d. Please use GMDBC boats first, not the Villages Rec Department boat

Vice-President's Report:

1. Safety Matters
 - a. Central Lake Dock Clean-up (bird poop)
 - i. Working with Rec Department to address
 - ii. Teams should clean up at every opportunity as well
 - iii. Hand held pressure washers will be placed at all paddling locations
 - Please be proactive with charging batteries!
2. CERT AED training 2026 – February 10, 6:30 PM at Sea Breeze Rec Center
 - a. Class is full
 - b. Please wear team shirts to the training

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Boats are bumping/rubbing against dock at Central Lake
 - i. Frank will assess and recommend improved rub rail or bumpers
 - b. Teams need to be proactive with basic maintenance such as seat tightening
 - i. A toolbox will be placed at each location with appropriate tools for minor repairs
2. Status of boat in storage
 - a. Boat needs to be checked in on monthly

Central Lake

1. New Boat Delivery
 - b. Dollies on order, delivery TBD
 - c. One boat is currently available at Central Lake
3. Dollie Launch Instruction
 - a. Easport Sun Dragons will hold on-site training session for boat launch
 - i. 3:00 pm Wednesday, Jan14

Old Business

1. Rodeo – no update this month
 - a. Warriors will host
 - b. Community groups participation
2. Chicken Races
 - a. Will be held Friday, Feb 20th at 5:00 PM at Lake Sumter
 - b. Bill Clark and Julie Lacey are heading up the committee

New Business:

1. A motion to officially appoint Frank Lupoli as Equipment Maintenance Manager by John, seconded by Mary Lou, passed unanimously.
2. Steering session at Lake Sumter
 - a. All steerers will be invited to evaluate steering oars in use with new BuK boats
 - b. Linda to schedule and send out invitation
3. Storage Unit Clean up
 - a. Frank has scheduled February 15 at 10:00 AM as clean-up day for the storage unit

- i. Goal is to eliminate as much as possible
- b. Assess need to keep storage unit once additional shelves are in the boat house at Central Lake
- 4. Happy Hour paddle ideas
 - a. Every Friday from 5 – 6 PM
 - b. Need to use this hour on the water at Central Lake
 - c. Teams are encouraged to plan activities
- 5. SRDBA Membership position
 - a. Lois Edwards was recently elected to this position
 - b. Congratulations and Thank You to Lois
 - c. Lois will present at the March General meeting
- 6. Code of Conduct
 - a. A motion to create a documented Code of Conduct for all club members by John, seconded by Mary Lou, passed unanimously
 - b. Task force to create the code of conduct will be led by Matthew Weinstein & Mary Lou
- 7. Membership Coordinator
 - a. Karen Ness volunteered to take on the Membership Coordinator role.
 - b. The board has approved this appointment
- 8. Seabreeze General Meeting Schedule
 - a. Laura to reach out to Pat Bradley to discuss availability to speak regarding on the water safety/rescue
 - b. January – Soup Night Silver Dragons
 - i. IDBF Senior D update by Bob Kane
 - c. February – AED training
 - d. March – St. Patricks – This Boat Rocks
 - i. Lois Edwards to present
 - e. April – Picnic – Paddling Patriots
 - f. May- candidate night for Vice-President and Treasurer
 - g. September – TBD
 - h. October- Safety Meeting – Linda B
 - i. November- Taco Tuesday; Eastport
 - j. June, July, August open for team use
 - k. December –Blackhearts has requested the room

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 2:16 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, February 9th at Canal St Rec Center

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