

Board Meeting February 9, 2026

Attendance:

President		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	
Eastport Sun Dragons	Gail Long	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Leatherneck Warriors		Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Paddling Patriots	Dave Bethel		
Other Attendees:			
Maintenance - Frank Lupoli			
Membership – Karen Ness		Julie Lacey – Sunset Island	
Web Site Coordinator – Rich Einhorn			

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 Steve, passed unanimously
2. Thank you to Karen Ness for taking over the membership/waiver process

Treasurer’s Report:

1. December financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 325
 - b. A motion to approve the latest report by Steve P., with 2nd by John, passed unanimously
2. Please ensure that TeamSnap rosters are up to date; remove all non-paid members

President’s Report:

1. Tabled until March

Vice-President’s Report:

1. Safety Matters
 - a. Safety document on GMDBC web site is up to date with Central Lake safety concern
 - i. AED needs to be inside if temp is below 32 degrees or above 122 degrees
 - ii. Emergency access points are being established for Central Lake
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. Skeletons and tarps will be labeled and need to stay with the correct boat to prevent damage
 - b. Reminder that there is a tool kit at each lake, please resolve minor maintenance issues such as loose screws, etc
 - c. Please do not place skeleton frames in the sand
 - d. Dollies should not be pushed sideways, ensure that the boat is moving forward when changing direction in order to prevent damage to the dollies
2. New boat maintenance schedule
 - a. Schedule needs to be adjusted to include all 3 lakes
 - b. Linda will update and post the schedule to the website

Central Lake

1. Boat maintenance
 - a. Villages will transport their repaired boat back to the lake
 - b. Only one 20-man boat is currently available at Central Lake
4. Cleats and bumpers need to be addressed
 - a. Cleats are not placed properly to allow for tying up 2 boats, one is loose
 - b. Bumper guards on the dock are not sufficient to prevent damage to boats

Old Business

1. AED purchased by the club has been returned and refunded
2. Membership Growth
 - a. No update
3. Rodeo
 - a. No update
4. Chicken Races
 - a. May 1st is tentative new date
 - b. Event will be held at Sumter Lake during the 5-6 social hour
5. Steering session at Lake Sumter was completed
 - a. An oar was swapped out on the Lake Sumter BuK boat
6. Storage Unit Clean up
 - a. Frank has scheduled February 15 at 10:00 AM as clean-up day for the storage unit
 - b. More volunteers would be helpful
 - c. If storage unit needs to be retained, consider new location at a lower cost (Ft Knox)
7. Code of Conduct
 - a. Mary Lou and Matthew Weinstein
 - b. No update
- 8.

New Business:

1. WebSite updates
 - a. Rich Einhorn has greatly improved the GMDBC website
 - i. GMDBC website should be the first point of reference for the club
 - ii. Provide team updates, race results, blogs, etc to Rich for publication

- iii. Each team has a page to share their information; also include non-paddling activities on site updates
 - b. A motion to appoint Richard Einhorn as Website Coordinator by Steve P., seconded by Dave, passed unanimously.
- 2. Happy Hour paddle ideas
 - a. Every Friday from 5 – 6 PM
 - b. Teams are encouraged to plan club level activities
 - c. No fair share will be charged IF more than one team is participating on each boat
- 3. State Sales Tax will be applied to races
 - a. New laws require non tax-exempt organizations to pay 7.5% sports event sales tax
- 4. New Membership packages
 - a. Provided to Captains, more are available
- 5. Practice schedule updates
 - a. Will be assessed each March and September
 - b. Temporary changes are approved by Linda

Future General Meeting Schedules

- 1. February 10 – AED training
- 2. March 10 – St. Patricks – This Boat Rocks
 - a. Please encourage team members to sign up on TeamSnap
 - b. Lois Edwards to present
- 3. April 14 – Picnic – Paddling Patriots
- 4. May 12 - candidate night for Vice-President and Treasurer
- 5. September – TBD
- 6. October- Safety Meeting – Linda B
- 7. November- Taco Tuesday – Eastport
- 8. 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 1:53 PM

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

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 pm, February 10th at Sea Breeze Rec Center