

Board Meeting March 9, 2026

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	Linda Braun
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts		Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Steve Printz	Sunset Island Dragons	
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 - Frank Lupoli		Village Dragons – Jane Spellacy	
Membership – Karen Ness		Leatherneck Warriors –Matt Weinstein	
Web Site Coordinator – Rich Einhorn			

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

Secretary’s Report:

1. February board meeting minutes were previously sent out via e-mail.
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes by John, seconded by Steve P., passed unanimously
2. Updated club brochures are being printed

Treasurer’s Report:

1. February financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 377
 - b. A motion to approve the report by Steve P., seconded by John, passed unanimously

President’s Report:

1. Dragon Boat Promotional Video will be produced by The Villages
 - a. More info to come, teams will be notified of participation requests
2. Semi-annual budget meeting to be scheduled
 - a. Consider team fair share reimbursements
 - b. Consider adjustments to fair share amounts
 - c. Determine how to handle influx of non-paying trial members
 - d. Forecast future boat needs
3. Meeting room update
 - a. No larger rooms are available north of 44 at this time
 - b. Current capacity at SeaBreeze is 140 at tables, 188 seated

Vice-President’s Report:

1. Safety Matters
 - a. Emergency access points
 - i. Locations are being established for Central Lake

- ii. Will also confirm Lake Sumter locations
- 2. Be aware of increasing temperatures
 - a. Water needs to be available on board
- 3. CERT AED training 2026 – complete
 - a. 43 attendees; training was appreciated by all
 - b. CERT expressed appreciation for the donation from the club
 - c. Recommendation made to consider scheduling AED training an ongoing basis
 - i. September meeting room is available
 - ii. Linda will follow up with CERT to request that date

Boat Maintenance:

- 1. Boat Task Force Report
 - a. Storage unit was cleaned out, inventory has been updated
 - b. Refitted one PVC skeleton at Lake Miona to fit properly
 - c. Hatch on the Grand Masters boat has been repaired
 - d. Recommendation made to use clear gel coat on gunwales instead of white for ease of future repairs
 - i. Warriors will complete repairs to gunwales and apply clear coat during their maintenance

Central Lake

- 1. New member sources
 - a. TBR is training about 14 new people each Wed and Friday; about 85% join the team
 - i. Most are staying with TBR
 - b. Warriors are also hosting new member sessions
 - i. Warriors and Village Dragons have capacity to take on non-competitive paddlers
 - c. A suggestion was made to put a link to new member info on the website home page
 - i. Rich will follow up on that
 - d. Discussion was held regarding adding a new non-competitive team at Eastport
- 2. Storage in Boat House
 - a. Storage barrels and shelves are not yet in place at Central Lake boat house
 - b. Shelving also needs to be attached to the walls
 - i. Cheryl will follow up with the developer
- 4. Central Lake dock
 - a. Buoy at concrete corner of dock is not sufficient to prevent damage to boat hulls
 - b. Cheryl is working with the developer to address a permanent solution
- 5. Life preserver ownership and storage will be looked into by Cheryl
- 6. Restrooms were not open on all mornings
 - a. A request to ensure that the rec center opens the bathrooms by 7:30 am Monday – Saturday will be made.

Old Business

- 1. Officer position update

- a. Proposed bylaw updates to Vice President and new 2nd Vice President roles were reviewed
 - b. A motion by John, seconded by Beth, was made to present the amended bylaws at the May General Meeting passed unanimously
 - c. A motion by Linda, seconded by Gail, to remove the practice hours coordinator and activities coordinator positions from the bylaws passed unanimously
2. Code of Conduct
- a. All USDBA members are obliged to the USDBA code of conduct
 - b. A proposed GMDBC code of conduct was reviewed
 - i. Matt will vet the document against The Villages code of conduct and the GMDBC bylaws and bring back to next board meeting for further discussion
 - c. A recommendation to add a confirmation within the current GMDBC waiver that the code of conduct has been read and agreed to was discussed. This would prevent having a separate document to sign and track for all members.
3. Rodeo
- a. Warriors are leading this – Robin, Rich and Dennis
 - b. This will be an extensive Inaugural Community wide event; looking to The Villages events department to assist with planning and execution
 - c. November 14 is the proposed date
 - d. The committee plans to deliver the event proposal to Cheryl by April 10
 - e. Volunteers are needed; a sign-up sheet will be at the General Meeting tomorrow
4. Chicken Races
- a. May 1st is 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
- a. Tabled decision on retaining current storage unit until additional shelves are available at Central Lake
 - b. If storage unit needs to be retained, consider new location at a lower cost (Ft Knox)

New Business:

- 1. Club Connection
 - a. Keep current annual Newcomer ad
 - b. Consider Club Connection adds to communicate special events
- 2. New paddler status at Central Lake
 - a. Costs of fair share and reimbursement pertaining to 3 free trial paddles were discussed
 - b. A motion by Robin, seconded by Beth, to forgive fair share contributions where more than 50% of the participants are non-paying paddlers passed with 8 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention

Future General Meeting Schedules

- 1. March 10 – St. Patricks – This Boat Rocks
 - a. Please encourage team members to sign up on TeamSnap
 - b. Lois Edwards to present

2. April 14 – Picnic – Paddling Patriots
3. May 12 - candidate night for Vice-President and Treasurer
4. September – CERT Training (TBD)
5. October- Safety Meeting – Linda B
6. November- Taco Tuesday – Eastport
7. December –Blackhearts has requested the room

Tabled Items:

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

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, April 13th at Canal St Rec Center

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