

Board Meeting April 14, 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	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 -		Village Dragons - Jane	
Membership – Karen Ness		Warriors – Matt Weinstein	
Web Site Coordinator – Rich Einhorn		Warriors – Joe Harten	

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

Secretary's Report:

1. March 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 complete. 150 copies delivered to Olympia Rec Center at Eastport
3. Additional updates to Bylaws and proposed updates to Rules and Procedures were discussed
4. No nominations have been received for Vice-President and Treasurer to date

Treasurer's Report:

1. March financial report was reviewed.
 - a. Member count stands at 378
 - b. A motion to approve the report by Steve P., seconded by Beth, passed unanimously

President's Report:

- a. Village's videographer, Elizabeth Graf, has reached out to Cheryl regarding the Club promotional video.
 - i. She will attend the May 1 Chicken Race and the May 8 Social Paddle
 - ii. John to reach out regarding the Enrichment Academy activities
- b. Natives of the Villages
 - i. Preparing a video on the club which will be out soon
- c. Budget Meeting
 - i. To be scheduled in June
 1. Will assess return of fair share funds to teams based on planned expenses
- d. A club historian needs to be recruited
 - i. Linda will send out an email to club members

Vice-President's Report:

1. Safety Matters
 - a. Hurricane report – volunteers determined for Sumter, Miona and the storage lot
 - b. Recommendation made that paddling should be avoided with open wounds or sores
 - c. Sand erosion under mats at Sumter is a safety hazard; Cheryl will follow up

Boat Maintenance:

1. Boat Task Force Report

Central Lake

1. Storage in Boat House
 - a. Storage barrels and shelves are NOW in place at Central Lake boat house
2. PFD ownership and storage
 - a. PFDs are Rec Dept equipment and will be stored/shared by all lake users
3. New Pontoon boat location will be recommended by Cheryl

Old Business

1. Officer position update
 - a. Laura will send out updated version for review
 - b. Updates to be provided to Laura by April 18
 - c. John will present updated documents at the May General Meeting
2. Code of Conduct
 - a. A review against Villages code of conduct, GMDBC by-laws and USDBF code of conduct was completed; determined that the GMDBC Code of Conduct is in line with these
 - b. Code of Conduct issues will be managed as per the existing grievance policy
 - i. add confirmation of the grievance policy to the GMDBC code of conduct
 - c. Review final version at September board meeting with plans to go into effect as of 2027
 - i. Assess the existing GMDBC Release Agreement language in determining final recommended Code of Conduct document and related procedures
3. Rodeo
 - a. Warriors are leading this – Robin, Rich and Dennis
 - b. Creating a simple starting point which can be built on in the future
 - c. November 14 is planned date
 - i. Set up 9 AM, finish by 2 PM
 - d. Will involve community group participants
 - e. Race teams will be determined to ensure equal competitiveness across combined GMDBC and community participants
 - f. A motion by Steve P., seconded by Beth, to approve a maximum GMDBC budget of \$4000 for the Rodeo passed unanimously
 - g. A motion by Robin, seconded by John, to approve the Rodeo plan as presented by Rich was approved unanimously
4. Chicken Races
 - a. May 1st is the date
 - b. Event will be held at Sumter Lake during the 5-6 social hour

- c. Race details were discussed
- 5. Social Paddle
 - a. Big success, lots of community engagement
 - b. Thanks to Linda for coordinating

New Business:

- 1. Expanding members requires more support
 - a. Steers – Jane is working with 5 club members
 - i. Will discuss further in May meeting

Future General Meeting Schedules

- 1. April 14 – Picnic – Paddling Patriots
- 2. May 12 - candidate night for Vice-President and Treasurer
- 3. August 11 – CERT Training
- 4. September –
- 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, May 11th at Canal St Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 PM, May 12th at Sea Breeze Rec Center