



DRAGON'S BREATH BULLETIN

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Watch InstaTeam for events to be posted:

- May paddling sessions
- Team Meeting
- Montgomery Festival

Introducing Your 2025 Governing Board

Position	Name	Term Ends
Voting Positions:		
Club Manager/President	Doug Elkins	12/31/2025
Treasurer/Finance Director	Jan Miles	12/31/26
Secretary	Peggy Partnoff	12/31/26
Coaches	Kevin Kelly Dee Foster Cat Hobbis	N/A
Communication/IT/Media	Rob Thrush	12/31/25
Safety Director/Sweep Coordinator	Ginger McDonald	12/31/25
Non-voting Positions:		
Club Team Liaison	Sandi Brinlee	3/1/25-2/28/26
Social Events Coordinator	Marita Kelly	N/A
Coach	Denise Burns	N/A
Coach	Deb Hyde	N/A

This group has been working since the end of last year preparing for the 2025 season. This includes working with the Planning Committee to finalize and implement the Club plan, previously presented to the membership, but also a myriad of important oversight functions to get the season into gear! This includes [but not limited to] boat acquisition and delivery of all boats, preparing a budget, and obtaining necessary insurance coverage, property and liability.

The time devoted by these folks is not solely the monthly meetings. There is constant discussion and planning to meet the demands of the organization. Thank you, all!

InstaTeam

- Basic instructions for users are now posted to the website! Look for it under Club Information at <https://tellicoheat.com>.

You will find links to:

1. Basic navigation
2. How to use mobile application
3. Messaging
4. Event Sign-up.

The following guidance is the result of members' comments about messaging.

- Members' communications will be increasing as the season begins. With the club growth, efficient use of the messaging function is key to clear and effective communications.
- Please be mindful of recipients chosen to avoid InstaTeam messages "blowing up" inboxes! When this happens, other key messages may be overlooked.
- Please refrain from using the "All Players" Group when sending to an appropriate individual would work [i.e. a specific coach or member]. Messaging to an individual is included in the "Messaging" document linked.
- Certain "thank you(s)" and kudos may also be sent directly to the individuals. The InstaTeam messaging system should not be used similar to a texting. We encourage members' posts with pictures or links of interest but ask that acknowledgement responses be sent to the individual who posted, not to the entire membership. Posting pictures on the website is on the agenda for the Communications/Media committee meeting next month. Facebook may also be used, as appropriate.
- If you are sending a message that requires individual responses [i.e. an invite] please request that responses be sent to you as an individual, not to the entire membership.

Taking a moment to determine how best to post a message will be greatly appreciated by all your teammates.

Thank you very much!

~ Communications/Media Committee