

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
General Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2025

Opening: Cheryl Moran

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm
 - a. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Cheryl Moran
 - b. Two new members from Blackheart and Eastport Sun Dragons were recognized
2. Participants
 - a. 41 attendees were present

Secretary Report:

1. Previous general meetings minutes from April were posted to the website
 - a. No updates were received
 - b. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Bethel with 2nd by Laurie Shipley passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

1. Budget and Treasury balance discussion
 - a. Current financial report was reviewed
 - b. 2025 member count stands at 376
 - c. Motion to approve report by Mary DeFranco with 2nd by Beth Bowen passed unanimously.

President Report:

1. Lake Sumter Repairs are underway
 - a. Repairs are extensive and completion date is still unknown
 - i. Cheryl appreciates everyone's cooperation sharing practice times at Lake Miona
2. A former team member was recognized for making Team USA
3. The April picnic was a big success with 50% club participation. Thanks to Dave Bethel and the Paddling Patriots for putting on such a great event.
4. Looking forward to Eastport/Central Lake opening late summer/early fall. Cheryl has requested some additional options at the boathouse including a motorized garage door with keypad, outside electrical outlets, a winch and a water spigot. A swivel dolly will probably be needed for the boats with the configuration of the boathouse

Vice President Report:

1. Safety
 - a. An AED demonstration is scheduled for Thursday, May 22 at 12 PM for those interested
 - b. Recommended that water coolers be available for team practices
 - c. Be aware of weather conditions, especially thunder and whitecaps
 - d. Be aware of dehydration and heat exhaustion symptoms as temperatures increase
 - i. Pinched skin of forearm that remains peaked is an indication of dehydration

General Topics:

1. Team Updates:
 - a. Blackhearts
 - i. Racing at Sarasota and Tampa; prepping for Leesburg Dragon Boat Festival
 - b. Sunset Island Dragons
 - i. Using lots of games and drills to keep practices interesting
 - c. Village Dragons
 - i. Will use Central Lake practice as a social activity/paddle with dinner and drinks following
 - ii. Beth noted that once the BUK boat gel coat repair is completed ALL boats will have new gel coat.
 - d. Eastport Dragons
 - i. Busy racing
 - ii. Continuing support of Adopt-A-Highway along Marsh Bend Trail
 - e. Paddling Patriots
 - i. Focused on fun and fitness
 - ii. Completed a "Paddle Around Lake Sumter" challenge including a 1000 meter race for a total of 8 races.
 - f. Silver Dragons
 - i. Focusing on getting ready for the Tampa race in the Masters class (65+)
 - g. Warriors/Sparta 70 (Robin Lockerby)
 - i. Very heavy race scheduled planned including Montreal
 - ii. Team participates in weight/strength training and stretching workouts to improve paddling performance
 - h. This Boat Rocks
 - i. Still getting new folks weekly which are passed on to racing teams
 - ii. Frank provided an update on gel coat and axle maintenance
 - i. Dirty Dozen
 - i. No update
2. Old Business
 - a. n/a
3. New Business
 - a. Nominees for President and Secretary addressed the club. Linda read bio that Laura had provided
 - b. Electronic election process was reviewed by Linda Braun and voting will begin on Wednesday, May 14 and will be available for 2 weeks
 - c. Robin Lockerby proposed an amendment to the GMDBC Rules and Procedures under the Guests, Steerpersons, Drummers and Coaches section stating "An exception may be granted at Lake Miona Park for special groups to paddle without guest passes, subject to prior board approval" be put up in front of the membership for a vote
 - i. A movement by Beth Bowen to accept the wording of the amendment, seconded by Ken Loomis, was unanimously approved.
 - d. Bill Clark mentioned that Team USA requested our support for their trip to Germany for the World Championship in July. They are having an apparel sale, but the deadline for

ordering is May 14. Bill will check with Team USA to see if there is a way for individuals to donate money directly to the team. An email will be send to all members with those details.

4. Tabled Items

- a. Senior C Invitational Event Proposal – Postponed to Eastport Opening
- b. Villages Regatta- Postponed until Eastport Opening
- c. Long Term Planning

Close

Cheryl has some fun ideas for the October Safety Meeting and suggested a Taco Tuesday meeting for November.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM