

## **Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club**

### **General Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2026**

#### **Soup Night**

1. Silver Dragons hosted Soup Night for the club
  - a. Thank you to the Silver Dragons for the wonderfully planned event and all of the delicious homemade soups

#### **Opening:**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
  - a. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Cheryl Moran
2. Participants
  - a. 107 attendees were present

#### **Secretary Report:**

1. Previous general meeting minutes from November were posted to the website
  - a. No updates were received
  - b. Motion to approve minutes by Sharon with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Bowen passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

1. Budget and Treasury balance discussion
  - a. Current financial report was reviewed
  - b. 2025 final member count stands at 450
  - c. Motion to approve report by Bill Johnson with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori McGuire passed unanimously.
2. Annual audit for 2025 has been successfully completed

#### **President Report:**

1. Central Lake Update
  - a. Expecting much membership growth once paddling begins on Central Lake
  - b. Boat launch procedures will be demonstrated by Eastport on Wednesday, Jan 14 at 3:00 pm at the boat house
2. Sumter Landing Update
  - a. Waterfront improvement planning is ongoing
3. SRDBA Board Position
  - a. Congratulations and thank you to Lois Edwards on her recent election to the SRDBA Membership board position
4. Officer elections
  - a. Nominations for Vice-President and Treasurer will open in April
  - b. Nominations may be submitted to club secretary Laura Reynolds at [lreynolds99@yahoo.com](mailto:lreynolds99@yahoo.com) as of April 1
5. Club Volunteers
  - a. Thanks to Frank Lupoli for taking on the Equipment Maintenance Manager role
  - b. Thanks to Karen Ness for taking on the Membership Coordinator role

- c. Thanks to Richard Einhorn for the GMDBC website improvements
- d. Other volunteer opportunities are available including Club Activities Coordinator and Insurance Coordinator
- 6. Team camaraderie
  - a. Club events are being planned to encourage club level activities
    - i. February 10 General Meeting- AED training, pre-registration is required
    - ii. Chicken Race is tentatively set for Feb 20 at Lake Sumter
    - iii. March 10 General Meeting - St Patrick's Day celebration hosted by TBR
    - iv. April 14 General Meeting – Annual Picnic hosted by Paddling Patriots
    - v. May 12 General Meeting – Candidate Night (officer nominees will speak)
  - b. Let's continue to compete on the water and collaborate on land

**Vice President Report:**

1. Safety
  - a. AED class scheduled for February is full
  - b. Slippery dock at Central Lake due to the birds perching (and pooping) there is being addressed by the Villages Rec Department
    - i. Please also use the new hand-held sprayer to clean up as needed
  - c. Please do not remove plant life from boat launch areas
    - i. Notify Cheryl when issues arise and she will address

**Special Presentation – Bob Kane**

1. GMDBC presented Bob with an award and GMDBC racing shirt in appreciation for all his efforts to promote Senior D level racing to the national dragon boat community
2. Bob Kane spoke regarding the Senior D competition level

**Old Business**

1. No update

**New Business**

1. No update

**Tabled Items**

1. Senior C Invitational Event Proposal – Postponed to Eastport Opening
2. Villages Regatta- Postponed until Eastport Opening
3. Long Term Planning

**Close**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Upcoming General meetings –

*All meetings are at 6:30 pm at SeaBreeze Rec Center unless otherwise noted*

*Teams are encouraged to plan an event for the club on open dates*

February 10 – AED Training; pre-registration is REQUIRED  
March 10 – St Patrick's Day celebration hosted by This Boat Rocks  
April 14 – Annual Picnic hosted by Paddling Patriots  
May 12 – Candidate Night for President and Treasurer  
June 9 – Open  
July 14 – Open  
August 11 – Open  
September 8 – Open  
October 13 – Annual Safety Meeting hosted by Vice President Linda Braun  
November 10 – Taco Tuesday hosted by Eastport Sun Dragons  
December 8 – Blackhearts private party