

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 2nd 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 2nd 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 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