

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club
General Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026

Annual Picnic

1. Paddling Patriots hosted at the SeaBreeze pavilion
 - a. Thank you to the Patriots and specifically the grill masters for the amazing hot dogs!
 - b. Thank you to all who provided side dishes and desserts, too

Opening:

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
 - a.
2. Participants
 - a. Approximately 120 members attended

Secretary Report:

1. Previous general meeting minutes from March were posted to the website
 - a. No updates were received
 - b. Motion to approve minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

1. Budget and Treasury balance discussion
 - a. Current financial report was reviewed
 - b. Member count stands at 378 as of March 31
 - c. Motion to approve report by Beth Bowen with 2nd by Karen Ness passed unanimously.

President Report:

1. Congratulations to all the Race Teams
 - a. The racing season is underway with excellent results to date
2. May General Meeting topics
 - a. Officer Elections
 - i. Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer close April 30th
 - ii. Candidates will present at the May General meeting
 - b. ByLaw and Rules & Regulation changes
 - i. Updated club bylaws and rules & regulations documents will be reviewed
 1. Addition of a new 2nd vice president role as recommended by the board
 2. Updated descriptions of roles for all officers and non-voting board positions
 - ii. An online membership vote will follow the meeting to accept the reviewed changes
 - c. Noted that the condition of the launch at Sumter Landing has reported to the developer for resolution
 - d. Reminder of the upcoming May 8 Super Senior social paddle at Central Lake
 - i. Sign up on Team Snap

3. Club historian, Ellie Olesen, has retired.
 - a. A replacement is still needed
4. GMDBC Rodeo
 - a. Planning for a fall rodeo is underway. Leatherneck Warriors are coordinating.
 - b. Volunteers are needed; contact Rich Einhorn or Robin Lockerby to assist
5. GMDBC Website
 - a. The website updates are looking great! Go to gmdbc.teamsnapsites.com to check it out.
6. Upcoming events
 - a. The last social paddle at Central Lake was a great success. Please consider planning more events. These are scheduled. Sign up on Team Snap.
 - i. Chicken Race – May 1 at Lake Sumter; first race is at 5:00 PM
 - ii. Super Senior Social – May 8 at Central Lake

Vice President Report:

1. Safety
 - a. Hurricane Response Team
 - i. Hurricane procedures are documented on the website
 - ii. Each team will have representatives to respond to weather issues
 - b. Be wary of paddling with open sores or wounds on any Florida lake
 - i. Bacteria exists in all lakes and infections could occur
1. This Boat Rocks will also be at the Inverness race, and at Clermont. They have completed several fundraisers for Night to Shine and HOME among others
2. Paddling Patriots – no update

New Business

1. Maintenance updates
 - a. Please be cautious when turning dollies; only change direction while the boat/dollie is in motion to prevent damage to the dollie axle
 - b. Boat seats are becoming loose; please do not pull up on the seats
 - i. Tighten screws firmly as needed, do not overtighten
 - ii. Stripped screws should be reported to boat maintenance

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 6:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Cheryl Moran

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*

May 12 – Candidate Night for President and Treasurer

June 9 – Open

July 14 – Open

August 11 – CERT Training

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