



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Bridge and Board Meeting May 20, 2015, 7:05 P.M.

Present: Commodore Ron Mack, Vice Commodore Rita Charvat, Rear Commodore Glen Logan, Past Commodore Scott Bade, Secretary Ridene Soltesz, Carey White, LaVaughn Mithen.

1. Commodore Ron welcomed all.
2. LaVaughn showed samples of boat bags on which the GPFBC logo will be printed. These will be available for purchase during Regatta. The large size will be available to purchase for \$25.00 and the extra-large size will be \$30.00. She will arrange for T-shirts (including child sizes) with the club logo and will order can cozies. She will have toys ready for sale during Regatta. The club did not have to pay up charges for printing the logo.
3. Treasurer Steve Sickelsteel had earlier reported to Commodore Ron that the club's balance is currently \$6,148.75. The PayPal balance is \$617.48. Total net worth is \$6,766.23.
4. P/C Scott Bade reported that about 60 out of 106 member families have paid dues so far. About seven new families have joined in the last few months. Commodore Ron needs this information to complete the directory.
5. R/C Glen Logan continues to work on the Membership Appreciation Party June 13. An evite will be sent to boat club members. The RSVP will be open so that members can see who else is coming. Commodore Ron has the supply list and will touch base with P/C Chris Harrison about his barbeque. Cocktails begin at 4:00 P.M. Beer and wine will be provided; perhaps Atwater Brewery would be willing to discount or donate beer (sponsorship). Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.
6. Bridge and Board members discussed the topic of dues for past commodores. Regarding this topic, it was decided that not asking previous commodores to pay dues would cost the club \$1,000.00 or more annually, and even though we are not cash poor, we are also not in a strong cash position. We agree to maintain the status quo and allow past commodores to pay dues if they so choose.
7. The 2016 schedule is being arranged and finalized. Commodore Ron has reserved the Pier Park Community Building for the next Commodore's Ball and the wine tasting party. P/C Scott and R/C Glen will take care of the other bookings.
8. V/C Rita continues with Regatta planning. A few volunteer slots are left to fill. She suggested that the boat club might be interested in some Power Squadron activities. The Tiger mascot Paws will not appear at Regatta this year. She will look into a replacement.
9. The commodores all agree that it would be nice to find another revenue source besides advertising. A few larger area businesses, limited to five perhaps, showcasing their product at Regatta in exchange for a substantial contribution to the GPFBC would be all that is needed. (For example, Maxey Ford displays a car at Regatta in return for a sizeable donation to the club.) Ideas included area boat and kayak dealers.
10. The agenda item Fall Party will be discussed at the next meeting.
11. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.