



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

Bridge and Board Meeting

August 24, 2016

6:45pm

Present at meeting: Rita Charvat- Commodore, Steve Sickelsteel-Treasurer, Scott Bade-Membership, Ron Mack-Rear Commodore, Susan Mills-Secretary

Meeting opened by Rita. First order of business, Regatta.

First prize winner at one Regatta event never claimed prize. Monies will go back into the treasury.

Ron requested a copy of the Regatta brochure to give to Johnstone and Johnstone Realtors in order to collect their advertising sponsorship money.

Thursday evening races

Bridge/Board unanimously approved \$90 to purchase 3 flags for the GPPS Steak Roast event. However, after the meeting, email clarification was made and now purchasing the flags needs to be re-considered as these flags are for the winning sailing racers participating with GPPS's club, not GPFBC. However, some of the racers are members of GPFBC and our volunteers have run the races in the past, as the event is held at Pier Park. Therefore, Steve LaMont and Ron Utz will discuss details of the GPPS event and Steve will keep our board informed so we may re-visit this approval.

Steve LaMont, our current race committee chairman, would like to step down from his position for next year's races. He has said that he would be willing to continue doing calculations paperwork, but give the labor intensive duties to another volunteer, such as setting and retrieving marks. Volunteers with powerboats are requested to assist.

Rita suggested a volunteer could record the races using a video camera or cell phone when multiple boats cross the finishing marker at the same time, as it can be difficult to see exactly when each boat



crosses the mark. Protests between racers and their times do arise.

Thursday, September 1st, Sailboat Races and Award Party.

Dave C. and Scott B. grills during the event and Glen L. orders food. Rita C. manages decorations. Paul T. handles the beverages. No hard liquor is provided by the Boat Club.

Rita will speak to Glen about fuel for the BBQ and food. Ron estimated we had 6 cases of beer last year.

Saturday, September 17th, Lobster Roast Dinner...members only event.

Room is confirmed as saved, for that date. Jim and Ridene Soltesz ran the event last year. Scott B made a call to their home during this meeting to see if they could run the event, this year. Left a VM message.

Steve S suggested an Evite be sent to members soon so they can save the date.

It was recalled that members paid approximately \$65 at last year's lobster event, per person. The planned budget was the club paying an additional \$20 per member, to cover additional expenses. However, the expenses went over the budget by \$1,341 in 2015. (\$30 extra per person, which the club covered) This club will review 2015 costs, and will plan a budget accordingly.

During this discussion of costs, the board concluded that the club providing alcohol for events makes a significant influence on the club's budget, at times. The club will consider limiting the supply for provided adult beverages during events, and consider asking members to bring their own adult beverages, for some events.

Discussion of membership determined that May 1st, 2016 was the date memberships were due for this year. We are still missing approximately \$3000 in unpaid dues from members who the board doesn't believe are ending their memberships. It was suggested as only paid members can attend the Lobster dinner, membership and lobster dinner costs must be paid before attending September's dinner. When the Evite for the Lobster dinner goes out, that reminder will be included.

Budget-Steve S said there is \$8,900 in our current budget. We are still handling outstanding collections from the Regatta. The club made \$500 from both sessions of the Thursday sail races. Steve S has



completed his commitment as club treasurer and Rita will be taking it over, after asking for membership approval.

January 1st is the date that the club's member's commodore positions rotate. We need a Dock Box editor.

The club's by-laws provide that part of GPFBC's purpose is to provide support for our park related activities.

GPFBC will donate funds to support the park in 2016, by planning to provide \$1,000 to Pier Park toward upgrading the Wi-Fi signal in the harbor. It would cost the park approximately \$6,000. The Bridge and board approved this item by e-mail. We would like the park to give us the harbor list in order to e-mail boaters about the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, for recruitment purposes.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

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