



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club
Monday, March 24th, 2017

Bridge and Board Meeting
6:15 pm

Present at meeting:

Glen Logan- Commodore
Ric Schmidt- Rear Commodore
Rita Charvat- Treasurer - Post Commodore
Stephen LaMont- Board Member
Carrie Murphy- Member

Paul Toenjes- Vice Commodore
Scott Bade- Membership
Susan Mills- Secretary
Jim Babiarz- Board Member
Patrick Mills- Member

Meeting opened by Glen. Village Grille, Grosse Pointe

Discussion of 2017 Regatta. Glen and Paul met with Pier Park Staff; Dick, Michelle, and Kara to discuss this summer's Regatta events. Currently, the Regatta is geared primarily for children. The Boat Club would like to begin supporting a Friday night Regatta Kickoff Party. It would be a fundraiser for our club and park. Approximate entry fee for event would be \$30 (still working on exact fee). Fee reduced for new residents who'd join the boat club that weekend. With purchased ticket, Farms residents, 21 and older, with a wrist band, would have access to live music, snacks, beer, and 2 tin can auction tickets. A Tin Can drawing for gifts, would take place Saturday evening, before fireworks commenced. Winners would not need to be present to win. Still in the works, is discussion of using food trucks, or community restaurant vendors for Friday evening. Plans would be to have the event by the park gazebo, in a tent. Marketing ideas included making a banner to hang at the gate of the park and to advertise on the city's park website.

Other ideas; having boat related vendors at the park that weekend. Discussed possibility of reserving well spaces for a local marine dealership to come in with new boats to show. The board could contact businesses for sponsorship/advertising in the Regatta brochure. Still planned; 7pm Friday boat races.

The current budget at meeting time, was \$5,667.53. Total spending to meeting date, \$3,303.03.

Spending, which included the donation for the Wi-Fi update at the park, wine tasting, and commodores' ball, came to \$ 5,614.92.

Thursday Evening Sail Races. 11 applications had been received. \$770 had been collected. Race applications found on the boat club's website. To pay with PayPal, applications must be filled out on-line. Checks must be included with paper copy applications. 6 volunteers will use their personal power boats to help to set marks before races and pick them up after races. Marks must be set at 6pm. Staging setup is 6:30pm. Sequences begin at 6:54 pm. Pier Park newsletter published different race dates from boat club racing dates. Racing Committee will get with park prior to publish dates to double check current schedule. This year, shotgun shells were donated by Steven LaMont's brother-in-law. The Racing committee replaced 5 flags for this year's races. RC has approximately \$400 available in their budget for other needed racing related items. Per last meeting, park agreed to help during Thursday race evenings, by moving a picnic table to the lakefront, by the flags, during setup.

There will be a new boat class size that will be created this year for the Thursday races.

Dockbox. Carrie Murphy agreed to help publish the newsletter. A publication needs to go out before the Regatta in July. Discussion was made about creating a magnet for the club's season of events this year. It would be delivered with the May dues renewal reminder.



Plan to have a General Membership Meeting in May. An Evite will go out when date is set.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

SM – secretary