



## Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

### Bridge and Board Meeting

September 24, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Members in attendance: Commodore Scott Bade, Vice Commodore Ron Mack, Rear Commodore Charlotte Adamaszek, Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel, Secretary Ridene Soltesz, Membership Chair Eileen Bade, Jim Babiarz, Past Commodore Tanya Bartoszewicz.

1. Commodore Scott welcomed all.
2. Minutes from the previous Bridge and Board meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel presented a detailed report. The club has a balance of \$7,603.23 in the checking account and about \$600.00 in PayPal. He has just received a few checks and an \$800.00 bill from Race Chair Brian Sullivan. Steve estimates about \$7,000.00 will be in the account.
4. Membership Chair Eileen Bade said the club has about 100 member families right now. A club events calendar and a Dock Box are to be included in the "welcome kit" given to new members. The approximately 300 invitations to join handed out to boat owners in the harbor by Commodores Scott and Ron resulted in about eight new members. The continuing question is how to attract new members. A friendly email to members to invite neighbors and friends to join will be sent.
5. Rear Commodore Charlotte noted the overall success of the Lobster Fest, everything from the good food selection to the tiki torches. There was a steak shortage probably because a few members didn't realize or remember that they had preordered the lobster. Some lobsters were soaked in water when served. Perhaps a ticket system for steak or lobster could be implemented next year. Rear Commodore Charlotte will research Crescent's Lobster Roast and P/C Tanya will follow up with her contacts at Blue Bay Fish. The Halloween Party at the Glenn Williams house is the next club event. Flyers will be mailed to members tomorrow. V/C Ron will handle the beer for the event, and R/C Charlotte will be aided by Scott, Eileen and Ridene to finalize the details at a later date. She will also talk to Glenn Williams about optimum "traffic flow" in the house for the Halloween Party. Since she cannot commit to another two years, R/C Charlotte will resign at the end of her current term. She will handle the Halloween Party and the November General Membership Meeting.
6. V/C Ron will discuss Winterfest at the November General Membership Meeting. He is also finalizing the club directory for next year (the club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary). He suggested a two year term for each commodore position, but the board thought the commitment would be too long.
7. Commodore Scott suggested developing social committees to involve more members and to ease the work load on the commodores. Committees would be a good place from which to draw new officers



and board members. Each new member would be personally approached to join one of these committees.

He suggested starting a training session for the club's new Bridge and Board members and will ask Past Commodores for help in developing content.

8. Suggestions for the club's gift to the Pier Park include recycle bins, especially in the marina area, (Carey White will research this); fixing the clock (Jim Babiarz will approach Shinola about this); and a new kayak rack (Eileen Bade will contact Shane Reeside and Scott Homuth about the need/space for one).

9. Commodore Scott will approach Suzy Berschback about serving as the club historian (maybe offering free membership).

10. P/C Tanya said several years ago, the club used to have a new members drive in August. Club members handed out fresh roasted corn and an information sheet to people in the park. Also, she will again handle the club's wine tasting event (Saturday, January 24, 2015). P/C Tanya had a club /organization information form from the Grosse Pointe News which V/C Ron will complete and submit. This would also help publicize the boat club.

11. Treasurer Steve would like to move future Bridge and Board meetings to the second Wednesday of the month; he would then be able to attend.

12. Commodore Scott and V/C Ron will think of people who might be willing and available to serve on next year's Bridge and Board.

13 The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.