



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership Meeting

March 6, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

1. With 42 members in attendance, Commodore Ron Mack welcomed all at 6:45 P.M. He introduced our new Vice Commodore Rita Charvat and new Rear Commodore Glen Logan.
 2. Minutes from the November 7, 2014 meeting were approved.
 3. Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel reported a March balance of \$4,739.82. Members will again pay dues in May. Last year the club made about \$4,700.00 on Regatta. The club is in good financial shape.
 4. Past Commodore Scott Bade encouraged all to attend the Commodore's Ball March 21 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The price rose to \$65.00 each this year, and the actual cost is close to \$90.00 a head. The War Memorial is now charging for alcohol (\$18.00 per person). Commodore Ron suggested that next year's ball be held at the Pier Park Community Building and maybe add chicken to the menu choices.
 5. Rear Commodore Glen Logan said Feather Bowling had an excellent turnout with 45-50 members attending this year.
 6. Vice Commodore Rita Charvat said that concerning Regatta, "many hands make light work." She needs support from members and will receive a binder of turnover notes.
 7. Commodore Ron said Kim Corbeil raised \$10,000.00 last year in Regatta sponsorships and advertising and, with an earlier start this year, perhaps she will raise closer to \$15,000.00. A glossy program was \$1,800.00; V/C Rita and R/C Glen will investigate options. Advertisers like the programs. Members who would like to write articles for the program can send their submissions to Rita. The club essentially acts as the host of Regatta in that we supply the volunteers; the Park supports it with a monetary contribution and arranges for the band and fireworks. The Grosse Pointe Farms Cup Sailboat Race the Friday of Regatta weekend was a welcome addition last year.
 8. Brian Sullivan and Kevin Pearce will again oversee the Pier Park sailboat races (five Thursday evening races May 28-June 25, and five from July 30-August 27). Volunteers are needed for race committee and help is needed to set the marks.
 9. Members will be able to buy club burgees and T-shirts this year.
 10. Commodore Ron would like to reinstate the member of the year award. Send nominations to him or to P/C Scott Bade and Commodore Ron will announce the winner at the Commodore's Ball.
 11. Members discussed two bird situations. The Border collie who chases geese is getting older. Should the club contribute to the costs associated with a new dog? It's a big commitment. It was decided to leave the city in charge of the dog situation. The Gerow Observation Deck is, at times, covered in bird debris. Maybe overhead fishing line would deter birds.
 12. P/C Scott Bade is the new membership chair. Six to seven families have recently joined. He also thanked volunteers from Winterfest.
 13. The next General Membership Meeting is June 13.
 14. Business meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.
- Respectfully submitted, Ridene Soltesz, Secretary