



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2014, 7:30 P.M.

1. Vice Commodore Ron Mack welcomed everyone and thanked Rear Commodore Charlotte Adamaszek for all her work organizing this event.
2. V/C Ron said Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel reports that the club is healthy financially with a balance of \$6,659.09 and no outstanding bills to date.
3. V/C Ron said Membership Chair Eileen Bade reports 93 member/families have paid dues and seven new members have joined since the last meeting.
4. V/C Ron said that even though the Halloween Party was fun for the approximately 40 who came, the attendance needs to increase a bit for this party to be financially viable for the club. Other ideas will be considered for next year's fall party.
5. V/C Ron announced the 2015 bridge and board members to date: Commodore Ron Mack, Past Commodore Scott Bade, Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel, Membership Chair Eileen Bade, Past Commodore Tanya Bartoszewicz, Carey White, Jim Babiarz, and Secretary Ridene Soltesz. The club needs volunteers to fill the rear commodore and the vice commodore positions. Hiring a professional to solicit advertisements and to publish the Regatta brochure greatly helps the vice commodore overseeing this event. Both V/C Ron and P/C Tanya will help to advise the new commodores. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms pays the boat club \$750.00 for its work on Regatta. The members in attendance approved the bridge and board.
6. V/C Ron summarized ideas for the GPFBC's next gift to the Pier Park. Board member Carey White has been researching possibilities. Fixing the old clock will cost about \$1,700.00. Perhaps the club could purchase a few more of the green recycle bins (maybe positioned near the boat wells). Other suggestions included a viewing station (binoculars) at the new Gerow Observation Deck; clear, retractable, plastic wind curtains for the pavilion; and a large golf cart (if financially feasible). Carey is also looking into the possibility of membership discounts at local businesses and restaurants (a further incentive to be a GPFBC member). Perhaps a boat club rendezvous can be arranged for next summer (Georgian Bay?).
7. Past Commodore Tanya read a note from the Bartoszewicz family thanking club members for their expressions of sympathy during the funeral of Past Commodore Dr. Leonard Bartoszewicz. She also brought a copy of the October 16 *Grosse Pointe News* which published GPFBC information in the local



club and event column. To further promote the club, she suggested reaching out to new residents with information about the GPFBC.

8. Discussions about another kayak rack continue. A suggestion has been made to house four paddle boards in one kayak space to accommodate more kayaks.

9. V/C Ron is finalizing the 2015 boat club schedule and hopes to have it available for the March 6 General Membership Meeting. The club's 60th anniversary is 2015. V/C Ron is also working on a club directory.

10. The business meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.