

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

Bridge and Board Meeting March 27, 2013, 6:50 P.M.

In attendance: Commodore Ken MacKenzie, Vice Commodore Scott Bade, Rear Commodore Ron Mack, Treasurer Sandy MacKenzie, Secretary Ridene Soltesz, P/C Cyndee Harrison, P/C Peter Toenjes, P/C Tanya Bartoszewicz, P/C Chris Harrison, Kathryn Oldham, membership chair Eileen Bade

1. Commodore Ken MacKenzie said the Commodore's Ball at the War Memorial was a very good party. Close to 60 people attended.
2. Treasurer Sandy MacKenzie is currently receiving membership checks and offered to inform Scott and Eileen Bade as to who has paid along with any new information provided to the club on the membership renewal forms. Scott said he would get the forms from Sandy to check the accuracy of the members' information so that the club's data is accurate.
3. Eileen Bade did a great job configuring the members' renewal forms. Dues collection will be much easier next year due to her efforts. About four members have renewed through the new PayPal option.
4. Club members need to encourage new people to join. The boat club could put 10-12 membership application forms at the front entrance gate and at the front desk of the park's community building, ask that club information be included in the city's newsletter, and post club information on the park's bulletin board.
5. Rear Commodore Ron Mack said the last general membership meeting cost \$412.00. Providing dinner and beverages does seem to result in larger attendance at these gatherings. The next membership meeting May 3 will be less expensive since the club has left over beverages and two members have volunteered to cook for the group. The Membership Appreciation Day May 24, featuring P/C Chris Harrison's pulled pork, will not be a very expensive party either. It was decided that about \$250.00 is a good amount to spend on future general membership meetings.
6. Future club events include a joint boating rendezvous with the City Boat Club July 13 at Lake St. Clair Metro Park (Metro Beach). A set of slips will be blocked off and people can call for reservations. Commodore Ken suggested a golf outing with steak dinner event at Selfridge as a fun and economical activity. Different suggestions are being considered for the fall party, possibly October 19. Perhaps the club would have a party including the City's Boat Club at Jacoby's in Detroit, maybe with a band and a party bus for easier transportation.
7. The sailing race chair position has not been filled. One suggestion is to make it a paid position; maybe South's sailing coach would consider it. There would still be ten races but just one party at the race season's conclusion.
8. Treasurer Sandy MacKenzie said there is \$3,100.00 in the club's account with \$1,250 in checks for the Commodore's Ball. She has about 25 checks of varying minimal amounts from the prorated dues to record and deposit. Outstanding bills include \$700.00 due the MacKenzies and \$99.62 due P/C Cyndee Harrison for Commodore's Ball expenses. Sandy has paid the DJ and the War Memorial and has also paid the \$1100.00 insurance bill. Dues checks are coming in and Regatta is a money maker for the club.

9. P/C Peter Toenjes would like to receive some Commodore's Ball pictures to publish in the next Dock Box.
10. Commodore Ken will talk to Dick Huhn about the financing for the Gerow Deck sponsors plaque and report the results at the next meeting. An email will be sent to contributors informing them that the plaque will soon be in place. A good target date for unveiling the plaque would be Membership Appreciation Day, May 24.