

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2013, 7:45 P.M.

1. Minutes from the previous general membership meeting were read.
2. Commodore Ken MacKenzie said that Treasurer Sandy MacKenzie reports \$5,781.00 currently in the boat club account. The insurance bill for \$1,165.00 has been paid. Dues checks are arriving and will be deposited to the account. The club would like to maintain its financial comfort zone of about \$5,000.
3. Commodore's Ball invitations will be mailed this weekend. The club spends approximately \$1,500.00 on this event. The ball is March 23 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, and the cost is \$50.00 per person again this year.
4. Gerow Deck contributions have totaled \$7,000.00 including 1,000 from the family, 12 donors at \$300.00 apiece, and \$2,400 from the boat club. Cost for the rock and engraved plaque listing donors is estimated to be about \$1,000.00. Dick Huhn would like the boat club to fund this expense, but Huhn will also talk to the City of G.P. Farms to see if it would contribute toward the cost. Commodore MacKenzie would like to discuss this expense further at the next meeting when he will know if or what the city is willing to contribute. P/C Chris Harrison said the club needs to follow through with its promise of a donors' names plaque in the near future. P/C Gene Carswell supports the club's funding of the plaque, and he said it needs to be done this year.
5. Scott Bade has volunteered to serve as Vice Commodore for 2013 and was overwhelming approved for this position by club members present.
6. The next club event is the Members Appreciation Picnic May 24. P/C Chris Harrison will once again serve his delicious pulled pork recipe. He said 60 pounds of pork wasn't nearly enough last year and thinks that 100 pounds will be needed this year to accommodate everyone attending. The club will provide buns, beverages, coleslaw and, of course, pulled pork.
7. Rear Commodore Ron Mack said the six people who feather bowled had a grand time. The timing with winter break possibly affected the turnout. The next general membership meeting on May 3 might have a Cinco de Mayo theme, but he hasn't decided yet.
8. Vice Commodore Scott Bade said his wife Eileen will serve as the membership chair. She will calculate a onetime prorated dues bill for each member with that amount due this May. From then on, all dues will be payable by May 1 which will greatly simplify the annual membership renewal process. Dues are payable online (PayPal) or by check. Each member will receive a dues statement shortly.
9. Commodore Ken thanked R/C Ron Mack for organizing tonight's delicious pasta dinner. The commodore would like suggestions from members for new fun activities, perhaps pickle ball or curling or a golf tournament on the ice and snow. The club might possibly partner with the City of Grosse Pointe's boat club for an Oktoberfest event.
10. Dave Morrow, retiring race chair, said the club needs someone to take over running the sailboat races. Volunteers to help on the dock are already in place to support that person. The club has

offered the Thursday night races for many years, but we may now lose it. Crescent Sail Club will not take them over. Even though the sail races are pretty revenue neutral for the club, the sail races are good for the club's reputation.

11. Business meeting adjourned at 8:10.