



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

Bridge and Board Meeting, March 27, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Commodore Scott Bade, Vice Commodore Ron Mack, Rear Commodore Charlotte Adamaszek, Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel, Secretary Ridene Soltesz, Past Commodore Gene Carswell, Kathryn Oldham, Membership Chair Eileen Bade, Race Chair Brian Sullivan, Rick Schmidt

1. Minutes from the previous bridge and board meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel reported a balance of \$3,525.12 and is moving \$406.25 from PayPal into the account for a total of approximately \$3,900. Liability insurance (\$1,100.00) has been paid for this year. Some Commodore's Ball expenses have been paid, but Steve still needs to pay the War Memorial and is still waiting for the liquor bill to be submitted.
3. Membership Chair Eileen Bade said one more family has joined. Membership renewal letters with a due date of May 1 will be sent out next week. Members who joined late summer/ early fall of 2013 will not be assessed new dues until a year from this May. Treasurer Steve will email Eileen members' payment information and she will post it. Eileen Bade was unanimously approved as a GPFBC board member.
4. R/C Charlotte Adamaszek is planning for Membership Appreciation May 23. P/C Chris Harrison will reprise his role as pulled pork chef extraordinaire, and members will be asked to bring a side dish (serving 8-10) to pass. Some food will be purchased from Costco; Kathy Oldham will arrange for the wine. V/C Ron Mack will help R/C Charlotte with details. P/C Chris will need help that day with pulling the pork. R/C Charlotte is also beginning preliminary planning for September's Lobster Roast which is the club's most popular and well-attended event. Last year's catered event lost money, and the cost per member was subsidized by the club. As for the General Membership meeting May 2, Charlotte and Scott will email members details to encourage attendance. The meeting will have a Cinco de Mayo theme, and various food, beverage (sangria, margaritas, etc.), game ideas (bingo, trivia), and prizes (piñata) were discussed. Planning is ongoing.
5. V/C Ron Mack is planning for Regatta; Commodore Scott will advise him. V/C Ron will contact Regatta volunteers from last year who will hopefully help again. He will also contact sponsors from last year and other B&B members will help with this- the sooner the better for sponsor contacts. Commodore Scott said cash from sponsors is preferred and that last year, he invoiced sponsors, an approach that worked well. Sponsorship opportunities will be included in email blasts to the club membership. It was suggested that possibly an outside marketing firm or individual could be employed to solicit sponsorships, and no objections were raised. V/C Ron will explore this possibility. The cost of the brochure also needs to be cut down. Kathy suggested having an earlier "final" planning meeting date to avoid last minute rushing for prizes/trophies.



6. Jim Babiarz and Amy Andrews have been approached to join the board.
7. Commodore Scott will meet soon with Dick Huhn to discuss meeting fees at the Community Building for GPFBC.
8. Commodore Scott, who can administer the web page, has put about 70 boat club pictures on Facebook to boost interest in the club. Perhaps there can be a link on the boat club website to show these pictures on Facebook. Maybe the club can have a picture contest and award prizes.
9. Race Chair Brian Sullivan is planning to host a race committee meeting next Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 P.M. at Village Grill. He needs more volunteers to join the core group of race committee members. Also, possibly a Friday evening Regatta Cup Race can be added to Regatta activities. This race's entry fee will be separate from the Thursday night series fee. Treasurer Steve noted that the club lost money on the second half of the sail series last year. Sail races used to be a money maker. The race fees will need to increase a bit this year. Perhaps an extra fee will be charged per boat for refreshments.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.