



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership Meeting

November 6, 2015 7:00 P.M.

1. Commodore Ron Mack welcomed all. He introduced the upcoming officers of the club: Commodore Rita Charvat, Vice Commodore Glen Logan, Rear Commodore Brian Sullivan, Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel, and Secretary Susan Mills, all of whom were all unanimously elected by the members.
2. July 17, 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes are on the website.
3. Treasurer Steve Sicklesteel said the club is in great shape with approximately \$10,800.00 (including \$400.00 in PayPal) in the account.
4. The club is donating a recycle container for the Pier Park at a cost of about \$1,000.00. The club's name will appear on it as the donor.
5. Commodore Ron said the Commodore's Ball will be held at the G.P. Farms Community Building March 19, 2016. The club will have the use of two rooms. Compared to past balls at the War Memorial, this venue will save the club money. Ron is looking for a "Jimmy Buffet" style band and would like suggestions. The budget for the band is \$500.00-\$600.00.
6. Vice Commodore Glen Logan will confirm the February 26, 2016 date for Feather Bowling at the Cadieux Café from 8-10 P.M.
7. Commodore Ron needs eight volunteers for Winterfest on the Hill in G.P. Farms February 6, 2016, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Four volunteers per shift serve Coney dogs and will be invited to a great party after the event. V/C Glen Logan will organize volunteers.
8. The Wine Tasting event is scheduled for January 23, 2016.
9. Past Commodore Scott Bade, membership chair, said the club has a total membership count of 114 families. Twenty-one new families joined in 2015. Outreach to the sailing community and informational flyers distributed in the marina helped boost membership. Dues totaling \$4,635.00 has been collected; about 35 families still owe and one more reminder will be sent.
10. Old Business: Next year's dates are set. To issue a Dock Box, we need articles. Send contributions to Scott Bade or to Ron Mack.
11. New Business: Under Brian Sullivan and Ric Schmidt, the Thursday sail races have been very successful. Fifty-six boats raced the second half. Racing for the G.P. Farms Cup was revived as a Regatta event; the Power Squadron Regatta was reinstated. "Thirsty Thursdays," introduced by V/C Rita Charvat, attracts sailors and enthusiastic supporters to the races. Steve Lamont, who has familiarized himself with every aspect of running the races, is the new race chair next year. Although he is developing technology for the races, the race committee still needs people to help. Perhaps the club can memorialize Kate, the goose chasing Border collie, with a plaque.
12. Business meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.
13. Respectfully submitted, Ridene Soltesz, Secretary