



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership Election and Social Meeting 28 Members in attendance
Friday, November 3rd, 2017. Social @ 6:30pm Meeting began @ 7:40pm

Bridge and Board Members Present:

Glen Logan - Commodore **Paul Toenjes** - Vice Commodore

Ric Schmidt - Rear Commodore **Scott Bade** - Membership

Susan Mills - Secretary

Note: Noble Pig restaurant provided the evenings food.

Glen opened the meeting and asked Scott to address membership.

Memberships have been updated to reflect approximately 25 unpaid people who are no longer considered members, whom have not paid the yearly membership dues for more than 2 years, to date. There are currently 93 membership families. 7 new families joined in 2017.

The latest members are:

Rob and Tish Hasting, Eric Mauer, Jeff Clarke, Karen Dunn, Ryan and Jen Budek and Louie and Patti Theros.

Membership has collected approximately \$3,470 in dues for 2017. There are approximately 25 families that have not paid their current renewal, due back in May. A reminder will be sent out within the next month.

Comments open to members at this meeting:

Susan suggested we bring back the Farms marina boat owners involvement into the 2018 Regatta. During previous Regatta years, there was the community power boat races on the lake and boat owner decorating in the marina. Susan said she would be willing to head up a contest for the best decorated boat in the marina during the regatta on that Saturday. Ric suggested tying that contest into the Friday night Regatta Party.

GPFBC 2018 Calendar

Ric passed out next year's calendar of events. To be included with secretary minute notes.

Glen discussed the email notification system we use to reach out to members regarding activities. There had been a phone fan used in the past, Ron Mack initiated. Consideration to bring that back. Paul passed out a form during the meeting for members to fill out, indicating how they preferred to be contacted regarding events (home, email, text). Mailing invitations is very costly to do for every event. A magnet of events is currently mailed out to members each year.



2018 Bridge and Board Positions

Club members in attendance accepted nominee, Tom Campbell as next Rear Commodore.

Paul and Ric will move up the ranks to Commodore and Vice Commodore, respectively.

Scott will continue with membership. Susan will continue as secretary.

Member Patrick Mills will take over as Treasurer.

Glen and Rita will support as Board Members. Member Brian Potter and Ron Mack will become Board Members. Per Jim Babiarz; he will not serve as a board member next year.

Membership voted unanimously on these nominees and current board position changes for 2018.

Ric attended a Lake St. Clair town hall meeting back in October, in Harrison Township, MI. The meeting attracted approximately 100 attendees. Candice Miller, Public Works Commissioner for Macomb County, along with staff members from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, were present to field questions. The goal of the meeting was to talk about the health of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair.

The key points Ric took away from the meeting was:

Companies, like Nestle, a bottled water factory, take water from the lakes, and pays nominal water extraction fees.

The 1972 amendment, which became a law called Clean Water Act, was established to regulate pollution put into U.S. waters. This would require states to hold permits to control water regulation in cities.

The state's handling of infrastructure was discussed, as well as E coli testing. Drinking water monitoring systems and run off was discussed. Data exchange between the U.S. and Canada was discussed.

Question to our boat club was how we might be able to work with the group, Clean Water Action to help clean up Lake St. Clair. Ric suggested to member volunteer from our group as a representative at CWA meetings and report back during our general club meetings. He will contact that organization regarding meetings.

Paul suggested, as part of a 2018 donation to our city park, that he would meet with officials at the park and discuss a project in the works or need that our club could donate to.

Pete Toenjes offered to bring back the Grosse Pointe Road Rally that our club used to participate in. Glen suggested the club come up with a Oktoberfest themed event.

Member Karen Dunn offered organizing Euchre (card game) for members.