



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Bridge and Board Meeting
Thursday March 22nd, 2018 6:30pm

Present at meeting:

Paul Toenjes - Commodore

Ric Schmidt - Vice Commodore

Tom Campbell - Rear Commodore

Susan Mills - Secretary

Patrick Mills – Treasurer

Craig Baetz – Board Member

Location, Mills Residence, Grosse Pointe

Meeting opened by Paul. He asked for treasury update.

First, a member's check the club received had a stop payment put on it. Will follow up with member when member is in town to see why this happened.

Second, bridge agreed that treasury would continue retaining old records of statements for club.

Third, the club received a letter with a reimbursement check from the state of Michigan. The club had initiated (paid the fee) last year, but never completed paperwork for a raffle license, realizing the club could not legally hold a raffle as a non-profit organization.

Next discussed was obtaining new club liability insurance along with a liquor license, and raffle license.

If we are serving drinks, we need a liquor license, if we do not have a licensed server and the insurance coverage we are looking at will not offer insurance until we have a liquor license. If we have an event where we do not provide members with drinks, versus members bringing their own drinks, no license is needed. Discussed were costs for different licenses available and researcher will determine what sounds best for the club's needs (Tom to follow up with state contact). There is a separate beer and wine license versus a liquor license. Having a B and W license would allow the club to purchase those items at wholesale costs. Tom will contact Ed Gaffney (who served on the Mich. Liquor Control Commission) to help clarify the liquor license rules.

Liability insurance – it would cost \$300 a year for Directors and Officers coverage, "D & O". All meeting attendees unanimously voted to move forward on obtaining this liability insurance for the club and Craig will proceed. Craig will use his address, for the time being, as registered agent for the club. An Article of Incorporation is being filled out and signed for the club. \$75 to file.

Paul asked to Ric to follow up on the different scenarios for licensing, such as; would the regatta be covered by the insurance, pointing out that it's a community event, which the club puts on every year. How would the Thirsty Thursday and the Wine tasting be covered as well.

Paul will speak to Glen about the process to move on obtaining a raffle license to use at this year's regatta as he began to obtain a license last year.

Discussed having a wine pull during this year's regatta (something the club has never done before) Paul asked Ric to follow up with how a Wine Pull would be covered; under raffle insurance or under the liquor license insurance, as the bottles would not be opened for the event.



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Ric spoke with Chris Galati, director of Pier Park, about the incident during the Commodores Ball with the bartender. Ric said he'd put in a policy procedure in place to handle drunk or disorderly attendees at club events.

Paul and Ric will meet with Chris Galati in April to give a presentation regarding who the GPFBC is, the ways our club has supported our community and park, including donations and volunteer time, and discuss the Regatta. Paul asked Patrick to pull accounting numbers to prove donations.

Ric discussed sponsorship opportunities for the 2018 Regatta and passed out a form with price points for advertising in the Regatta brochure. Sponsorship recruitment should start now.

Tom said he spoke to Kara at Pier Park and she said the city could help the club make a banner to advertise our club, including the club logo. We could put this banner up by the gate to advertise when we are having an event.

For the wine tasting, Ric discussed ordering wine glasses to give out with the purchase of a wine tasting ticket, which would have the GPFBC logo on it. Tom to follow up.

Tom discussed ways to build membership, suggesting giving a free year membership to a member if that member recruited 3 new memberships within a year. Business cards are being made for members to hand out to the local community for this purpose.

Discussed for this year's regatta; have a donation bucket put out, under the GPFBC tent, located near the shuffle board court, at Pier Park. The donations would be given on behalf of the boat club and community to support the park.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

SM – secretary