



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club
Tuesday, July 17th, 2018

Bridge and Board Meeting
6:30pm

Present at meeting:

Paul Toenjes - Commodore

Susan Mills - Secretary

Scott Bade – Membership

Tom Campbell - Rear Commodore

Patrick Mills – Treasurer

Craig Baetz – Board Member

Location, Pier Park, Grosse Pointe

Meeting opened by Paul. He asked for financial numbers from Patrick.

2018 Regatta including the Friday Island Party was a net of \$4,640.10 after expenses subtracted from income. The Island Party on its own was a net of \$949.91 after expenses subtracted from income. Current club balance as of meeting date is \$9893. The balance in January 2018 was \$5000.

Paul relayed that Chris Galatis suggested we hold the island party outside next year so residents who attend the park during the regatta weekend, who are unaware of the event, understand it's for all residents. Advertisement for this party needs more broadcasting next year so this information is clear to Farms residents. Chris suggested there could be no cost to attend party but that there would be a charge for drinks and Chris would provide food trucks for food purchases.

Paul and Ric sat down with Chris following the Regatta weekend and reported that Chris and his staff were happy with the weekend event. Chris would like to see larger sponsor support for the Regatta, including for fireworks, which the city currently covers. Chris would work on that. Chris will present these new ideas to the Harbor Committee in September.

Paul will ask Chris if our club could get rider insurance through the city as we hold events inside the park. Chris suggested for a Thirsty Thursday event, to get the community involved, rent a band, get sponsors, set up a tent. Thursday, August 23rd is the last sail race of this season.

Paul reported that Ric has created thank you cards for regatta sponsors.

There was discussion about members wanting to join the club who are not Farms residents.

Susan read the by-laws regarding membership.

Membership is limited to GPF residents with the exception of Honorary Members who show outstanding contribution to the welfare of the Farms community or club, or members in good standing who move out of GPF who have active status.

We have non-resident sailing racers who come into the park on Thirsty Thursdays in the summer and there is nothing in the bylaws about that. They are brought in by Farms residents.

In general, the city doesn't want us, as a club, to regularly bring in non-Farms residents to club events.



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Friday, August 10th is the next general membership meeting.

Friday, September 21st is set on the calendar for the summer solstice party. It may be changed to the wine tasting event which did not take place as planned this past winter. If rental room is unavailable, it will stay outside as the solstice party. Tom/Glen to manage event.

Saturday, October 20th is the Lobster Roast. Paul told Tom to book catering now.

Friday, November 9th is the final general membership meeting of this year. During that meeting, we will discuss with members sponsorship ideas for next year, like putting a business banner next to the outdoor band or naming a sponsor for the fireworks display. It is also an election meeting.

Next item; hosting a Halloween party. Years prior, the club rented the home of Mr. Williams on Mack Ave in the Farms, called Haunted Garage Productions, for a member's party. The home is available for parties/fundraiser during the Halloween timeframe. Suggestion of \$30 per ticket. Tom to follow up.

We need more volunteer support from membership. Scott brought up that another local boat club requires volunteer participation when they sign up as new members. Each year the members are required to provide certain hours, or they can buy their hours.

Our membership has changed over the years and we have few boat owners. The club began with all boat owners. We would like to reach out to our marina of boaters, many who do not know who we are as a club. Susan to make a flier to hand out to our Farms boat owners introducing the Farms Boat Club. After that conversation, it was discussed to offer a Saturday late morning or early afternoon social event for the boaters...meet and greet. Possibility of Saturday 8th or 15th. Tbfd

Lastly, discussion of how the June boat club BBQ went. Next year, the club needs to make a budget. Anything over that number is covered by individual purchasers. There is no charge for the BBQ social event. Different ideas on how to manage costs were discussed.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

SM – secretary