



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club
Tuesday, July 31st, 2018

Bridge and Board Meeting
6:30pm

Present at meeting:

Paul Toenjes - Commodore

Tom Campbell - Rear Commodore

Patrick Mills – Treasurer

Ric Schmidt – Vice Commodore

Susan Mills - Secretary

Craig Baetz – Board Member

Location, Pier Park, Grosse Pointe

Meeting opened by Paul. Discussed how the city and Chris Galatis wanted be involved in 2019 Regatta. They would like to see some marquee sponsors who would cover the band and fireworks, which are currently being paid by the city at approximately \$15,000. Paul plans to attend the Harbor Committee meeting in September, which Chris will also attend and cover this subject. Paul will forward regatta delegation and financial numbers material to committee.

Ric passed out thank you cards to fill out and mail to regatta sponsors. Susan to email patron family supporters she recruited.

Tom and Patrick discussed how each of the commodore's duties could be changed next year so that responsibility for duties could be delegated to other members and not all for the responsibility of one person.

We need more volunteer help for all events and meetings. Membership volunteer delegation was discussed regarding all members. There needs to be a specific volunteer request for each event, as to set up, clean up, and given something to manage and seeing it through. Website as well as actual form needs to be created. Susan to work on hard copy.

Ideas to work with:

- Communication – outreach, marketing – need 2 people
- Insurance licensing – need 1 person
- Membership – lead by membership
- Regatta - need 1 person in addition to led by vice commodore
- Party plan/set-up – need 2 people in addition to led by rear commodore
- Delegation – led by commodore
- Volunteer lead – passes out duties as needed
- Finance – led by treasurer
- Record Keeping – led by secretary
- Racing Committee Chair – led by chairperson



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Friday, August 10th, general membership meeting.

Thursday, August 28th, last sail race of this 2018 season and will be followed by the awards banquet.

Friday, September 21st, summer solstice party but being changed to a Boat Club Membership Drive Social, to get the attention of marina boat owners. Event will take place on the back patio of the boat house and club will offer free beer, wine, and hotdogs as a way for boat owners to meet the club and join. Hope to have local musicians volunteer to sing. Tom Keating came up as a musical suggestion. Tom C. hopes to get 6 to 10 families to join as a result of the event.

Tom did make a financial breakdown if club purchased and charged \$2 and \$3 for beer, wine, and hotdogs. Estimated spending \$1650, including a paid band. Budget discussion came into play and conversations went back and forth.

Saturday, October 20th, Lobster Roast.

Friday, November 9th, final general membership meeting of 2018. (May include winter wine tasting event to meeting. TBDF)

Patrick was asked to look at current funds in the club account and give a forecast of the club's future budget and to give a breakdown of the funds available to use for each event through April, as dues begin to arrive in May.

Halloween party idea can't be supported this year due to changes the haunted house owner made.

Per last meeting, Susan made fliers to hand out to boaters in the marina. Passed them out at the meeting for feedback.

Ric suggested purchasing a powerful speaker for club use at Thursday's sailing races and indoor club events. Budget needed to be reviewed before purchase could be approved.

Patrick brought up that the current bank balance is \$2,000 less this summer than during previous years and that the club needs to be mindful with future club spending. Insurance cost the club approximately \$2,400 a year; 25% of the budget.

He mentioned state laws protect not-for-profit groups. Questioned if we needed insurance.



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Susan suggested members bring finger foods to share for the next 2 general meetings to keep costs for events down.

Board discussed costs for sail races, figuring the costs the club spends on the award party, flags and budget for those events. Racers currently pay \$40 for each season or \$70 for both. Next year, it could increase by \$10 each season.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

SM – secretary