

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership and Social Meeting
Friday, February 1th, 2019 Social @ 6:30pm

31 Members in attendance
Meeting began @ 7:45pm

Bridge and Board Members Present:

Ric Schmidt - Commodore

Jim Verbeke - Rear Commodore

Susan Mills - Secretary

Patrick Mills - Finance

Paul Toenjes - Board Member, PC

Ric opened meeting and asked all present to introduce themselves.

He asked membership to submit pictures of events or from the community and/or to consider writing an article for the Farms Boat Club website in order to update the site with new information.

The 2019 Regatta Sponsorship opportunities form was passed out and discussed; benefits and donation levels. The Regatta is the club's largest fundraiser which supports club events and donations.

Membership was asked to consider asking their business contacts for sponsorship for this year's Regatta, to volunteer for the weekend's community event. New this year is the Premium Fireworks, Regatta Band, and Island Party Band Sponsorships. The club would collect 1/3 of those new sponsorship donations, sharing 2/3 with the city, and would collect 100% of the other sponsorship levels. It cannot be a write off donation.

New this year, instead of selling tickets for the Regatta Island party, there will only be a charge for drink tickets. Tentative plan is to hold the party in a tent on the park lawn so more residents will attend. As usual, there will be a Friday evening sail race.

Suggestion from membership - continue to advertise to boaters in the marine and also broadcast to non-boaters that a boat isn't necessary to join the Boat Club.

Club business cards and calendar of events were passed out.

Larry Monahan offered to put together a Blessings of the Fleet toward the Spring/Summer timeframe.

Change - Membership dues slips are to be mailed out this winter instead of in May; to be collected now.

Ric went over the calendar of boat club events for 2019. Change - this year there will only be one sail race awards party, in the summer...the previous spring awards party will be combined with the summer party.

This year's tentative theme for the Commodore's Ball is Irish, Mexican. Saturday, March 30th. \$35 per member for a buffet meal.

Once the membership roster is updated for 2019, it can be emailed to the membership as a pdf.

Attendees filled out their name and cell number on a sheet so evite can be updated with phone numbers.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

-Social Continued-

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