

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club
Friday, September 6th, 2019

Bridge and Board Meeting
6:15 p.m.

Present at meeting:

Ric Schmidt - Commodore
Jim Verbeke – Rear Commodore
Patrick Mills - Treasurer
Mike McGlennen – Board Member

Craig Baetz - Vice Commodore
Susan Mills - Secretary
Paul Toenjes – Board Member, PC
Gretchen Verbeke – Board Member

Location, Village Grille, Grosse Pointe

Meeting opened by Ric.

Following up on the Harbor Jam event in August, from Tom Keating's recruiting efforts, the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation will be giving the club \$1250.00, which supports the cost for the musicians and flier/artwork, both which Tom helped put together for the event.

From a budget standpoint, the club is doing better at this time in September than last September. That prompted the question, what would the club like to do for the park for our donation. One suggestion was a weather station installed off the observation deck within the marina, which could be monitored from our website. Craig could purchase, Jim could install. Another suggestion was purchasing more wagons, which could be left in an area near the boats, further in the park. Board members will meet with the city and ask those questions.

Looking at the calendar for 2020, July 4th is on a Saturday so it was discussed if the city may want the Regatta held on the actual weekend or the weekend before. This will affect the start of the sail racing season.

The board will ask city manager, Shane Reeside, if he would like the club to run the regatta differently next year, based on what park director, Chris Galatis, has mentioned with club members this summer.

Open Positions:

Secretary - Susan Mills will not be continuing her duties at secretary in 2020 and a replacement is needed. She has expressed an interest in handling membership next year. Members at this meeting unanimously approved this change in volunteer positions.

Rear Commodore - Next year, the commodores will be moving up in rank and we will need a new Rear Commodore.

Race Committee Chair - Steve LaMont, our current Racing Committee Chair, is willing to continue holding his volunteer duties regarding managing boat races and paperwork, but no longer wants to come to the park to run the races on Thursdays, during the summer.

A coordinator position needs to be found to physically run the Thursday Summer races.

These 3 positions that need replacements will be discussed at the general meeting in September.

The club would like to see a membership directory begin being emailed to current members or given access to it via Google docs on a more regular basis. Members will be able to have an opt out option before this would happen.

Our next general membership meeting is Saturday September 21st; summer solstice party, starting at 7pm. It will be catered by Dirty Dog Jazz Café since they did such a great job catering our Harbor Jam in August. Verbeke's to contact DDJC regarding setting up catering for the event.

Lobster Roast, Saturday, October 19th – Suggestion to use a caterer for the event this verse club members cooking. Will be looked into. (DDJC, Cabbage Patch, Village Market...)

Friday, November 8th will be the last general membership and nomination meeting for 2019.