

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

General Membership and Social Meeting 37 Members in attendance
Saturday, September 21st, 2019 Social @ 6:00pm - Meeting @ 7:15pm

Bridge and Board Members Present:

Ric Schmidt - Commodore	Craig Baetz - Vice Commodore
Jim Verbeke - Rear Commodore	Susan Mills - Secretary
Patrick Mills - Treasurer	Gretchen Verbeke - Board Member

Ric opened meeting.

Explained the bridge/board positions that were transitioning/open for 2020.

Open - Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Race Coordinator for spring/summer races.

Transition -

Ric Schmidt will complete the rotation of Commodores and will become a board member and PC. (prior commodore)

Craig Baetz will rotate to Commodore next year.

Jim Verbeke will rotate to Vice Commodore.

Rear Commodore's position is to coordinate parties/meeting for the year, not including the Thursday sailboat races.

Rich Smith volunteered to be rear commodore for next year.

Members Mike and Lory McGlennen, coordinated the social for the Thursday sail boat races this year. Lory agreed to continue hosting for next year as well.

Susan Mills is stepping down as secretary.

Lisa Armentrout is picking up secretary position.

Susan Mills will be picking up the membership position from Glen Logan (not present). He was contacted outside the meeting regarding this change and agreed to the change.

Steve LaMont is the current Racing Committee Chairperson and has decided to step down from the physical requirements of running the Thursday races. He intends to still manage the racer paperwork as he had before. A coordinator to run the races has been acquired to help Steve manage and monitor the racers as they sail the course.

Holly Burns volunteered to be the Racing Coordinator.

Molly Radtke, Eileen Furest, and Matt Kemper have been nominated as board members for next year. Board members offer support and feedback during Bridge & Board meetings...in addition to the General Meetings.

Craig Baetz was presented with a gift certificate for his work running the 2019 Regatta.

Ric told the members at the meeting that the club was interested in donating a weather cam to Pier Park for 2019. This weather station would monitor wind speed on the lake and have a camera to observe water conditions. Access to this information would be linked to the GPFBC website. The club would offer to install it on the observation deck within the marina, facing out to the lake.

Some board members met with the city manager this September. It was decided the 2020 Regatta will run the weekend before the actual 4th of July weekend, which will fall on a Saturday. Too many families might be out of town otherwise, and park participation may be low.

June 26th, 27th, & 28th

Keeping that in mind, the Thursday sailboat races will begin a week early as well, so that the spring series ends before the Regatta weekend. There are 5 spring races beginning May 21st, 2020. Summer races begin in August.

A member suggested we host Thursday gatherings in the park in September, a week after the races are over, as a farewell to the race season. (weather providing)

Treasury - Patrick reported that we have an approximately \$ 9000.00 balance currently. Last year at this time, we were at \$ 5400.00. That was due in part because the club did better this year finding sponsorship and changed the way it charged for the Island Party. Club netted \$1500.00 from the Island Party, after expenses.

The club also charged for drinks for the first time during Winterfest.

The club purchases a liquor license and insurance for both the Winterfest and the Regatta Island Party.

Lobster Roast will be held Saturday, October 19th, this year.

The last General Election Meeting will be held Saturday, November 8th, this year.

2 members purchased burgees at the meeting.