

**Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club**  
**Thursday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Bridge and Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting held Outside at Pier Park**

Present at meeting:

Craig Baetz - Commodore	Jim and Gretchen Verbeke – Vice Commodore
Rich Smith – Rear Commodore	Ric Schmidt – Post Commodore
Patrick Mills - Treasurer	Susan Mills – Membership
Paul Toenjies – Board Member	

Thursday sail races have finished. There is no plan of a racer award party this year due to COVID 19 concerns for members/participants health. Steve LaMont will order and hand deliver winning racer flags to their perspective homes this fall. Whether club can host a spring racer kickoff event for 2021 will be considered at that future time.

An outreach idea this summer for the club was to purchase personalized PPE (masks) for local law enforcement/fire dept etc. for City of Grosse Pointe Farms. Idea will not be moving forward this fall. Other ideas discussed were purchasing camera/temp/wind sensor for observation deck so residence could access lake information online. Different idea was to contribute to help increase WI-FI signal in marina.

Craig or Ric to contact Shane Reeside to see what Pier Park needs may be that we could help donate to.

Current budget is \$6,600. This time last year is was \$9,000. We spend \$200 in club insurance each month. Steve LaMont will be spending approximately \$600 on racing flags this fall. There are no other spending plans at this time, for our club, for 2020. There are no events planned for this fall/winter.

It was discussed whether we should continue club insurance in 2021 if we do not host events due to COVID. Patrick will call the insurance company to see what our options are to reinstate in 2022.

Regatta will look different in 2021 if it takes place. Park management wants to take control of setting up regatta and sponsorship. We could still host the Island Party and get our own sponsors for that day. City wants to collect all money from sponsorship instead of our club collecting funds and sharing with park. Club would be hands off on Saturday, Sunday activities and only act as volunteers for running events. We would not be putting sponsorship brochures together anymore. A \$3,000 savings.

We had two families join the club in 2020.

Ric reported that Maryanna Houmani, a new member who joined this fall, volunteered to be the new rear commodore for 2021.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

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