Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club   **Bridge and Board Meeting**
Tuesday, August 29th, 2017   **6:30pm**

Present at meeting:
   Glen Logan- Commodore   Paul Toenjes- Vice Commodore
   Ric Schmidt- Rear Commodore   Scott Bade- Membership
   Rita Charvat- Treasurer - Post Commodore   Susan Mills- Secretary

Meeting opened by Glen. Village Grille, Grosse Pointe

The final season Thursday sail race will take place on August 31st at 7pm. Plans for the award party for the event will be held inside the boat house. Food will be provided.

Thursday, September 7th will be the handicap sail boat races. This event was supposed to take place in during the Regatta weekend this year, however it was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. Pizza will be provided at the pavilion after the completion of the races. Regular fare provided at pier during races. Ric to send e-vites.

Upcoming events:
   Membership meeting, Friday, September 8th
   Farewell to Summer party, Friday, September 22nd. Held at Pier Park fire pit, located by the
   tennis courts.
   Lobsterfest party, Saturday, October 21st
   Membership meeting, Friday, November 3rd. This will be the final meeting of 2017.

Lobsterfest in October: Food will be managed by Glen and Ric. Food will be ordered through Village Market. VM had reasonable quote last year and the club used them in 2016. Scott will mail out post cards for the event.

Scott and Rita to work out some PayPal issues. Rita had concerns transferring sums of money from the account. Scott said the limit had already been changed. Also, Scott will break out columns in PayPal so it is more apparent when payments are received, what payments are designated for: membership, sponsorship, etc.

The current budget at meeting time, was $9,436.57. Total spending for 2017, $15,570.00. PayPal current balance $584.00. In 2017, the club donated $1000 toward the Pier Park Wi-Fi upgrade this past spring and donated $200 to the Farms Park Fishing Rodeo in August.

There are still sponsors who have not paid their commitment to the Regatta this year. Paul will email that list of contacts to Rita. Glen would like to have a Thank You letter gathering and needs volunteers to write cards to all sponsors who supported the Regatta this year. Rita to order stationary.

Ideas for next year's Regatta to run more smoothly: Paul typed up a list of duties for the Regatta events, including timelines as to when to begin prep for those duties. Club needs more support/volunteers to collect sponsorship from the community.

A letter from the IRS was mailed to the Boat Club this August informing the club that it could not hold fundraisers, as the group is not a charity. Also mentioned, club donations cannot be written off as a tax credit.

Membership: The Boat Club has 130 members. 50 of those members have not paid their dues for this club year. $2000 have come in as membership payments. Scott to continue contacting those members.

Glen read a portion of the by-laws. Discussed if any of the by-laws should be updated in regards to membership meetings and voting rules.

Discussed planning on recruiting a new Rear Commodore as the membership election is coming up and current commodore positions rotate, leaving that position open.

The Boat Club would like to invite the new Director of Parks and Recreation of GPF, Chris Galatis, as well as park staff, to a membership meeting for a meet and greet. Details to be arranged.
During a membership meeting, the club would like to arrange to have a speaker come in whose organization represents Lake St. Clair. Details to be arranged.
Club volunteers, who would be interested in doing something alongside such an organization, could help support/clean the lake/shoreline, for example. Another option or addition would be for the club to donate to a charitable organization who supported keeping our lake clean.

Discussed growing our membership. Scott suggested placing a plaque near the front of the park to inform Farms park residents of our 66 year, and going strong, club and encourage membership to all Farms residents.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm   SM – secretary