

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

Bridge and Board Meeting January 23, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Members in attendance: Commodore Scott Bade, Vice Commodore Ron Mack, Rear Commodore Charlotte Adamaszek, Past Commodore Ken MacKenzie, P/C Tanya Bartoszewicz, P/C Gene Carswell, P/C Peter Toenjes, Membership Chair Eileen Bade, Secretary Ridene Soltesz, Race Chair Brian Sullivan, Kathryn Oldham.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
2. Commodore Scott Bade said that Treasurer Steve Sickelsteel reports \$5, 714.00 in the account. A detailed report will be given at the next meeting.
3. Membership Chair Eileen Bade reports two new members. Our total membership count is 123. Kathryn Oldham called and left messages with members who owe dues. Eileen recommended that members owing dues be kept on the roster until renewal notices go out in May. If they don't respond, they will be removed.
4. Commodore Scott thanked immediate Past Commodore Ken MacKenzie for all his dedicated service to the club.
5. Vice Commodore Ron Mack outlined upcoming events. The Winter Wine Wonderland is Saturday, Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest is February 1, and feather bowling is February 7. P/C Tanya, organizer of Saturday's wine tasting event, expects about 100 guests. Woods Wholesale has donated about 120 bottles of wine, and P/C Tanya provided a list of expenses associated with this event. The proceeds will be split between the boat club and Grosse Pointe Memorial Nursery School this one time. P/C Ken suggested that we purchase the wine for the Commodore's Ball from Woods Wholesale. Rear Commodore Charlotte said about 20 people have signed up for dinner and feather bowling February 7. Winterfest needs volunteers. Dick Huhn would like four volunteers per shift; Rear Commodore Charlotte will follow up on this.
6. Commodore Scott welcomed Race Chair Brian Sullivan to the meeting. He invited Brian and his committee to come to a few of the Bridge and Board meetings. Or, possibly race committee meetings could start earlier on the same dates as B&B meetings (especially in March, April, and May) to give board members a chance to touch base with the race committee. Brian and his committee are considering new ideas for club sponsored races and for Regatta. These may include a blue blazer race, a long distance race, an overnight rendezvous to Belle River, a race for rowers, a pirate dress up themed race, and a kayak race with the finish in front of the Pier Park. Efforts can be made to remind members to view the races and to make a party out of it. Perhaps the club could add a Saturday morning race for Regatta (June 28), award flags, and start a trophy for winners.
7. Commodore Scott commented that the club needs new people to join and volunteer. Past Commodores Peter Toenjes, Tanya Bartoszewicz, Gene Carswell and Cyndee Harrison will be considered Board Members Emeritus (who will stay on, actively volunteer, but sit out on votes).
8. Commodore Scott asked for comments during open discussion. R/C Charlotte suggested a prize worth about \$50.00 be awarded to the winners of feather bowling. V/C Ron volunteered to look on eBay for a club feather bowling trophy. As for the Commodore's Ball, P/C Ken has the room

reserved and food all set. He will book a DJ. Invitations should go out in mid February. P/C Peter suggested that beer and liquor be available at the next wine tasting event. He will also research his replacement as editor of the Dock Box. Perhaps it would be a paid position. Commodore Scott said getting sponsors for Regatta can be challenging. Maybe the club can hire someone “ local and engaged “ to help. P/C Tanya will help with this too. Also, maybe the Regatta’s Beauty Contest event can be resurrected.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.