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It's Ski Season. Trust me.

By Doug Ames

Greetings, Tyler Ski Club! It's that time of the year again. No really, it's June. Yes, I know it's was dipping into the 40s at night in May, but it's time to go skiing. Pretty soon, it may be too hot and dry to ski!

It's at this very moment that I regret writing a newsletter last year. It would be so much easier to just email a few of the highlights after the meeting. But I guess that's why they pay Todd and me the big bucks. It's going to be a little shorter and may morph into a quick recap email soon enough.

So sit back and relax for the next few minutes and enjoy the only newsletter you will probably see from us this year. We promise that we are still making this up as we go. At some point, I hope to con someone else into doing this.

Spring Meeting 2011

By Doug Ames

Good times were had. Much barbeque was consumed. Sure, it was a week or so later than we had originally planned. But these things happen. And by "these things," I mean things that Todd and I will not publically admit. Children ran about with occasional supervision. New children were presented for Jane Hoover's approval. And now, a few pounds heavier, I can report that yet another successful Tyler Ski Club Spring meeting is in the books.

Once everyone was too stuffed to move, we got down to business. A central point of our discussions concerned the AWSA's new insurance requirements. So let's recap.

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Once again, we voted that dues would remain the same—\$50 for an individual membership; \$75 for a family membership. Dues may be paid by *check* made out to the *Tyler Ski Club* and mailed to the address on this newsletter. Of course, if you weren't there, we have included an application and other documentation for you.

Speaking of documentation, we updated a few forms last year. We have a new membership application as well as waiver forms. We are hoping that the new membership application will streamline our information gathering for the roster a bit. The waivers are essentially the same as what we each sign when we join the AWSA. The only difference is that this waiver specifically mentions the Tyler Ski Club, its officers, its members, and the City. In short, this helps us satisfy some of the new AWSA insurance requirements (more on that later). If you were not at the meeting, we have included these forms along with your newsletter. You can also update your roster information anytime by emailing it to us at tylerskiclub@yahoo.com.

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We also reelected officers---Doug Ames is still president; Todd is still secretary/ treasurer. The vote was again nearly unanimous with only Doug and Todd voting against themselves in their respective elections. I kid. And of course, we are both honored to continue in our roles at the helm of the club. As always, we are open to input from our members concerning how we might improve things and welcome you all to contact us with any ideas you may have.

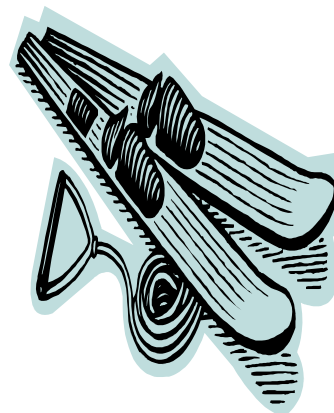
Next, Neill Strickland presented the club with some ideas on a fun tournament format. More on that later. Finally, Todd gave us a rundown on our budget. To be brief, we took in money last year. We undertook a lot of maintenance costs and spent a little money having fun. As a result, we spent a little more than we took in (approximately \$16). We anticipate that our maintenance costs will be less this year and are hoping to recoup last year’s losses. If I find a twenty in an old pair of jeans this year, I may just donate it to the cause so we can have a surplus going forward.

Finally, the AWSA is keeping us on our toes with insurance requirements. More on that below.

To-Do List

By Doug Ames

I have very good news. Our to-do list, the last time I checked is a to-done list. Thanks to Jim, Andy, George, Royal, and possibly others of whom I am unaware, the Lake Tyler East course is back up to code with barrels, buoys, and magnets. We can’t do anything about the water and I’m guessing that the buoys will need to remain under pretty constant adjustment for dropping water levels by whomever is out on the course on a given day. But the big stuff has been fixed and please remembers to show your gratitude to those who worked so hard to get things there. As always, if you find something amiss with one of our courses, please let us know. We have buoys and boat guides available for our members to keep on board their boats so that things can be fixed on the fly. Todd and I are not on the courses as much as some folks are and can use all the help and information we can get.



Announcements

By Doug Ames

Club T-Shirts

We have t-shirts! If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, get in touch with Todd Coates. We are selling the shirts \$10. This is our cost, and by "our," I mean "Todd's."

Need Host for Summer Party

Last year's party was a roaring success. We would like to have another club get-together on the lake this year. If you have some lake frontage and want to host a group of some of the nicest people you have ever met who are pretty good about cleaning up after themselves, please let us know.

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New AWSA Insurance Requirements for 2011

By Doug Ames

From the AWSA Website:

"An important benefit USA Water Ski provides to its member organizations/clubs is the ability to host and sanction events. As part of sanctioning, USA Water Ski provides General Liability and Participant Accident coverage. Beginning in 2011, affiliated clubs will be required to formally sanction ALL club practices and exhibitions through USA Water Ski and adhere to the requirements outlined below...."

The Tyler Ski Club has formally sanctioned club practices through USA Water Ski for the 2011 season (through late December) at both club sites. As of now, our sanctioned practices are not open to guest members because doing so would require that a certified safety coordinator be present on site while the guest member was present and, to my knowledge, we do not have

Fun Tournament

By Neill Strickland

The Tyler Ski Club is planning our Fun Tournament for Saturday, July 09. We are planning to have this be the sort of tournament where any member can compete on a fun and equal level. Points will be scored against what you think you can run on the course and we welcome creative scoring! There are options to ski the course on slalom skis, combo pair skis, kneeboards, wooden skis---anything you want to bring. We tried to develop a unique scoring system, so creative scoring will be rewarded and each member will be skiing against him or herself. The goal is to just have fun!

Please contact Neill Strickland at neillstrickland@sbcglobal.net or 469-556-0738 if you have questions or want to sign up. The winner will receive a trophy at the TSC summer cookout. There is no fee for participation.



members who are certified safety coordinators.

What does this mean for our members? Because all Tyler Ski Club members are required to maintain active AWSA memberships, the only noticeable change will be that we are no longer required to keep logs of our practices. But to be clear, the new USA Water Ski sanctioning rules are very broad in its description of "participant." As we read it, this includes everyone, even those who are riding in the boat. Fortunately, USA Water Ski now has reasonably priced family memberships at \$135. So those of us with younger children in the boat aren't going to go broke making sure we meet the membership requirements.

What about guests? The answer is that they have to be AWSA members. I have contacted USA Water Ski About this and the most cost effective solution for club guests who wish to participate is to purchase a grass roots membership for \$35 for the year. This will ensure that these guests are covered under the AWSA insurance and that the Tyler Ski Club fulfills its contractual obligation to the City.

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