

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

Henrik Laursen, President Mike Fay, Vice President Rachel Ferradaz, Treasurer Nancy Luzoro, Secretary
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Proposed change in by-laws.** During the December general membership meeting, three (3) new by-laws changes concerning Ski Schools, Ski Ride Availability for Members, and a Student Type of Membership were discussed and are described under General Announcements below. The first two motions were presented by Luke Webb and seconded by Pete Brislawn and Hans Kunzke respectively. The third motion was made by Jim Greve and seconded by Jim McDonald. Please note that these changes will be voted on during the January 13th meeting.
- **Change in liability coverage.** In an effort to further protect club members and the Club from liability, during the December 2010 meeting the Club voted on, and approved, that all boat owners add the two (2) land trusts as their additional insureds. This change is of no additional increase to the member's insurance premium. The two trusts are:

John Karnes Trust
1780 NW 94 Ave.
Doral, FL 33172

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Boat owners need to contact their insurance company and request for these changes to be made by no later than their corresponding premium renewal.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER MEETING *(complete minutes are available, contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net if you would like to receive a copy).*

- **Courses:** A transit was purchased to facilitate the maintenance of courses. This will be a real asset to the club as it has always been quite an expense to maintain our slalom courses.
- **Docks:** Some of the bungees have been replaced. It was requested that all bungees be replaced. Tom will take care of it.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Paula Fay and Mike Fay thanked George Levien for a wonderfully successful banquet.
 - Thanks to Kim, Henrik, Rocky and Bill for donating to the raffle.
 - Winners of this years awards were:
 - Most Active New Member: Jaime Diaz.
 - Member of the Year: Nancy Luzoro.
 - The Fay family was recognized as being the "First Family of Wakeboarding" because all members of the family qualified and participated in the World Championships.
 - Outstanding Performance: Joe Luzoro.
 - Participation at European and 35+ World Championships: Henrik Laursen.
 - State, Regional and National Overall Gold Medalist: Dennis Longo.
 - State, Regional, National and World 35+ slalom champion and Skier of the Year: Ed Hickey.

- 2010 Most Improved skiers: Ella Grace Kunzke and Seba Kunzke.
- Honorary Lifetime Member: Roger Henry.
- Paula reported that she is very excited about having a kid's day on the main canal from March to October, one Sunday a month. Time will be from 11:00AM till 4:00PM. She is also planning other fun activities throughout the year.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** There is a pile of branches and leaves that need to be burned.
- **Jump:** No report.
- **Membership:**
 - Lowell Eckstein was voted on and approved as a new member.
 - Prospective members present were Doug Christoph and Matt Clark.
- **Shoreline:** Construction is going on again into the water along the west side of the far west canal.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Thanks again to George Levien for his hard work at this year's banquet. He has done an outstanding job for many years.
 - Gene Shaley, Honorary member, has had a mini stroke. We wish Gene a speedy recovery.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Do not cut corners while navigating about the lake, this is a safety hazard.
 - Watch out for floating debris.
 - The no wake buoy has been placed back in the main canal. Please abide by the no wake restriction and be courteous to fellow skiers and boaters. If heading south, one needs to idle until past the no wake buoy. If heading north, one should be in and out of gear before and after this buoy in order to prevent rollers into the main canal.
 - We recommend wearing a life jacket when you are trick skiing.
 - All guests must sign the release form as soon as they arrive at our site; it must be signed whether they ski or not.
 - Pick up floating debris and check out the course for debris prior to skiing.
 - Longer shock tubes work better than the short ones.
 - Always turn the boat engine OFF when the driver is getting out of their seat.
 - Kids should always wear a flotation vest.
 - Remember to use the prescribed patterns for boat driving around our lake.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 2 bylaws changes made by the Board of Governors during the November meeting were discussed in detail, were voted on, and the results were the following:
 - a. Motion 1 - Guests: 20 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion 2 - Insurance: 12 Yes, 14 No. Motion failed to carry.
- Mike reported that because the motion regarding insurance failed to carry, our club is at major risk. Board and membership need to think about it and make suggestions to the Board.
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Proposed By-Law Changes:

Motion 1 (presented by Luke Webb):

There will be no ski school activity permitted at the GMSC without prior approval of the GMSC membership by 2/3 majority.

With the exception of membership approved ski school activity, no member shall engage in a commercial or for profit ski ride enterprise at the GMSC lake facility. There shall be no advertising, web sites or any other sales literature used by an individual member which encourages such use of the lake facilities or permits non members to sign up for such activities.

Ski School activity is hereby defined as any activity whereby any individual or entity conducts a for profit operation involving any water ski discipline at the GMSC lake facility. The for profit level will be set by the second motion.

Where ski school activity is approved by the membership, the BOD along with 2/3 majority of the membership, will approve a contract under which the ski school will operate along with details of the agreement and maximum rates to be charged.

Ski School activity would be solely for the use of GMSC members and not for guests.

Motion 2 (presented by Luke Webb):

The GMSC recognizes the need for ski ride availability for members.

In order to provide a standard, by which a boat owner is reimbursed, yet is not profiting, the ski club will set a maximum amount which a member may collect as reimbursement for a ski ride and will review this amount on an annual basis.

Acceptance of payment in excess of these amounts are deemed to be an engagement in ski school activity and punishable by 30 days suspension for the first offense and expulsion from the club for the second offense.

Motion 3 (presented by Jim Greve):

Background: Jim Greve's nephew, who lives with him, is attending UM. Jim made a motion, which was seconded by Jim McDonald, for a "Student Membership" that could be applied to his nephew, as well as other students, that may want to ski at the club while attending college. The motion is as follows:

A student member is one who is a full-time student who is sponsored by an Active member. The student member has no voting rights. The student member may only drive a properly insured boat at the club when an Active member is present at the club and responsible for the student member during the boat operation on the GMSC premises. The student member has the option to convert to another appropriate membership category upon the termination of full-time status or upon reaching his/her 24th birthday, whichever is applicable at the first available opening by submitting an application for the new membership desired with the appropriate fees. The student

must provide board acceptable documentation of full-time academic enrollment status with the initial application and on a recurring annual basis at the time of dues submission. Student members must also present documentation of passing a boating safety course deemed acceptable by the GMSC safety director prior to or at the time of the GMSC safety test. Dues for this membership level \$250. No initiation fee.

Note: The general membership at the meeting suggested age of this membership be from 18-24 years old.

These bylaws changes have been distributed to all members and will be voted on at the next general membership meeting on January 13, 2011.

- George asked why Leslie Altman and friend requested their membership dues returned and it was done without the Board addressing this issue. George stated in the future all requests for dues returned needs to be addressed by the Board.
- Judge Pete Fay attended the December meeting. Judge Fay was partially responsible for purchase of the lake for the club.
- Nancy mentioned that the Board recommended that, in order to further protect the members of the club, that all boat owners add the two (2) land trusts as their additional insureds. This will be of no additional increase to the premium. Reminders will be made in the monthly newsletter and monthly at each boat owner's renewal. Two trusts are:

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- Henrik reported that a prospective member, Mrs. A from Greece, thought that \$5.00 was to little an amount for a guest and donated \$1,000 to the club.
- Brick campaign is moving along. Buy now because prices are going up after Jan. 15th.
- Kim reported that Thomas Brenemark, a prospective member from Sweeden, was so happy to ski at the club that he presented a book with pictures and captions that he had taken. Also gave 7 pictures that Kim had framed to hang in the clubhouse.
- Paula Fay found a vintage silk scarf from Cypress Gardens. She framed it and it is hanging in the clubhouse.
- Please empty trash containers and take the trash to our dumpster.
- Remember to pay your guest fees and sign the release form for every guest. The release form should be filled out legibly and include the member's name.
- **Remember to lock-up if you are the last one leaving the facilities.** Doors have been found wide open or unlocked in multiple occasions.
- If you need police assistance for anyone trespassing on the Club's property, call (305) 476-5423 for the Doral Police Department.
- If you need a remote opener for the gates at the club, contact George Levien at skigeorge@mindspring.com
- If problems occur with the electric gates, please contact Leo Ferradaz.
 - Home: 305.485.0272
 - Cell: 305.216.6254
 - Email: lferradazjr@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING DATES

Club Dates

- January 13: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- February 10: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- March 10: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Tournaments

- Tournaments produced \$1,000 dollars in 2010 for the club.
- The GMSC will host three (3) tournaments during the 2011 ski season:
 - April 30 / May 1, record slalom.
 - June 25/26 Alan Byrd Memorial, 3 event.
 - The Latin American Miami Nautique International November 5/6, record slalom. This tournament is now being included in the Big Dawg circuit.

IN SEARCH OF A SKI PARTNER

- Looking for a ski partner? Please contact Hans (gmsc_news@bellsouth.net). A list is available with members that don't have a regular ski partner and need someone to ski with.

CLASSIFIEDS

- For rent. Adorable, immaculate, re-done ski home on Lake June in Lake Placid. It is 3/3, has great large sunset views of the lake. New boat house with lifts. Huge screened porch with ping pong table. 2 car garage. It is awesome and owners are willing to rent it out to ski club members, monthly or by the week. This 3,600 acre lake has lots of glass smooth conditions for water sports. Contact Paula Fay at 305.205.9002 or at raroot@aol.com.
- George is selling ropes (\$35), handles with vinyl (\$35), and shock tubes (\$20). Contact him at skigeorge@mindspring.com.
- GMSC members will receive 10% off the purchase of watersports equipment and PCM/Indmar parts. Go to Henrik's website www.miamiskinautiques.com and use code GMSC.
- Detailing of boats plus complete service. Contact Henrik at 305.438.9464 for quote.
- Looking for information on boat spots? Contact George at skigeorge@mindspring.com.

If you have comments regarding this newsletter, or would like to include something in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net.