

The Yodeler

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LexSki Membership Meetings

Meetings of the membership are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at First Parish Church, Lexington (by the Green) at 7:30 p.m. in Parker Hall (rear entrance, lower level) unless otherwise noted.

The first family listed is responsible for bringing the bins and for reminding the other families listed of their host and hostess duties. Host families are responsible for set-up before and clean-up after each meeting. The supply bins are passed along to hosts at each meeting. **If you can't serve, get a sub – in advance.** According to our contract with the church, **no nuts are allowed**, so please be sure that the food you bring is nut free.

March 20, 2018: **Connell**, Cotran/Kelly, Couturier

April: Wine tasting: **Darcy**, Doctoroff, Eckford

President's Report

The lodge is in full swing. Every weekend has been busy with members and guests. Skiing conditions have been decent, with snow from time to time.

Some members have shown great initiative in improving the bar area. We have moved the dartboard into the bar and look for new bar stools and high-top tables in the coming weeks! One note, and this is an ongoing problem: if you use a glass or mug in the evening, please remember that it is your responsibility to wash it and put it back on the shelf in the dining room. It is not the job of the families on breakfast duty or Alden to wash your dirty glasses.

The March membership meeting is coming up, and we will be electing new officers to the E-Board. I want to thank the nomination committee and especially the chair, Eric Pearlman, for all their efforts. Not only did they find replacements for the E-Board, but also Housekeeping and Kitchen Committee. Great job!!!!

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Lodge Report

The skiing has been OK but not great. Cannon is slowly developing its stock of boiler plate. Hopefully the warm temps this week will soften it up enough for the snow forecast next week to stick. Otherwise, it's time to sharpen those edges.

At the lodge, there has been a good attendance through the season so far, with little to report in terms of problems. We had a power outage a couple of weeks ago, which put the fire alarm system out of sorts, but that was quickly rectified. The temperature monitoring of different locations in the building is showing what everyone probably already knew or suspected, which is that we have large differences between different locations in the building. Some rooms will be warmer than others, so people can think about factoring this into their room choice, because turning up the heat to get a cold room warmer will overheat other parts of the building.

As always, remember to keep walkways and stairs clear of snow, and take care in the parking lot, which has become icy with the regular freeze-thaw (snow/rain) cycles that we have seen this season.

Looking forward to seeing people skiing for at least another 4-6 weeks I hope.

Peter

Membership Report

We have our first membership committee meeting in awhile on 2/28. We will be meeting two families: Alix and Ian Fox and family and Greg and Neide Hall and family, who have completed their recruitments including both weekends at the club. We may have another family or two by that time. After that, they will come to the eboard meeting in March, and then they will be proposed for membership in the Yodeler.

We have another four prospective families who have applications in and sponsoring families. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be first or second sponsoring family.

Most of our prospective families have been referred by a family who knows them, despite all of our advertising, although most new families have told me they have seen the ads on websites or bulletin boards. Usually we are looking for second sponsors.

Keep thinking about families you know who might be a good fit for the club.

Joe Scholl

Membership Committee Chair

Lexington Ski Club

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Treasurer's Report

As of February 12:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,470
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$34,296</u>
Savings account:	\$72,266
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$ 10,656</u>
Total	\$89,992

The bank account balance is about \$1,000 more than it was last month, which is unusual for this time of year. Additionally, we have about \$14,000 more in the bank than this time last year. Despite some cold weather and lots of oil being used, the club bank account is doing well. We have spent only about 30% of our oil and propane budget, and we are about halfway through the ski season. The other large expenses during ski season are for food and our chef. Through the second week of February, we have spent about 44% of the chef budget and 66% of the food budget. Remember that, for the food, we place a substantial order at the beginning of the season and then make smaller purchases every two weeks or so. We may get close to or even exceed the food budget slightly, but we are well below on many other items.

A few other numbers for you.

of meals: 1,179

of room reservations: 1,602

of adult guests: 215

of teen guests: 69

We are now able to accept payments using the Venmo app in addition to paying by check. We still do not accept cash. We have collected more than \$2,000 using Venmo. It is free to you and the club and is quick and easy to use. The e-mail address linked to the account is treasurer.lexski@gmail.com and there is another Venmo account with the address lexskitreasurer@gmail.com. DO NOT USE THIS SECOND ADDRESS. I sent an e-mail out a few weeks ago on how to set it up, but you can ask me or others who are using it for assistance. In addition to the e-mail address, you can also find the LexSki account with my number 617-974-0293 or the barcode link I sent in the e-mail.

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