

The Yodeler

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LexSki Membership Meetings

Meetings of the membership are held on the third 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.

Oktoberfest, October 16, 2018: **Gravina**, Hammer, Hardman

November 20, 2018: **Kourian**, Lynn, Martin

Holiday Party, December 18, 2018, 6:00-8:00: **McCarthy**, McVeigh, Osten

President's Report

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. The leaves are starting to change colors and even to fall. That can only mean one thing—skiing is not too far off.

We are kicking off the 2018-19 season with Oktoberfest this month. Eric and Les are working hard to organize the event. Thanks to them for all their work. We will have a short business meeting, as we need to vote on redefining the child and junior membership category. We feel this fee restructure will be fairer to our member families.

We are now down to 40 families, but thanks to Joe, the membership committee, and many of our members, we have 9 families that have official applications for membership. The town days in Lexington, Bedford, Burlington, Winchester, and Arlington have been a great success. I think there will be more families that want to join, and they will need sponsors. So please answer the call, and if you know of any families you think would be a good fit, now would be a great time to encourage them to join.

There are only a couple more work weekends left. If you haven't done yours yet, you are running out of time. Please get your reservations in soon so that the Lodge Committee can have time to plan the work to be done.

Hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Lodge Report

There are two work weekends left this year.

October 13-14: Yee
November 17-18: Fahy

Peter Hardman
Lodge Chair

Treasurer's Report

As of October 3:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$17,970
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$21,080</u>
Savings account:	\$62,550
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$52,112</u>
Total	\$114,662

All dues were paid on time, and more importantly, nearly all active members returned, and one inactive returned to active status. At the May budget meeting, our expectation for this fiscal year was that we would collect \$53,385 from active member dues and \$438 from inactive member dues. The actual numbers were \$56,777 from active members and \$800 from inactive members. Although we still hope to bring in another \$3,750 from new members this fiscal year, we are ending the first quarter in a very favorable position. The approximately \$3,000 in additional funds collected compares well with last year's \$6,800 deficit in collections.

I looked back at the Yodeler reports from the last couple of years to provide a little more perspective. Traditionally, our bank account balance is at its peak in October. The total for 2018 is about \$14,000 more than in 2017 and \$35,000 more than 2016. These additional funds will allow the club to make many of the improvements that have been discussed over the last couple of years.

I have added \$3,500 to the Upcoming Maintenance fund as approved during the budget meeting. In future reports, you will see this fund being depleted as we pay for the new windows and other improvements.

As previously mentioned, there will be some discussion at the beginning of the Oktoberfest meeting to discuss by-law changes regarding Junior membership and the due date for dues and prepayment collection.

I want to remind everyone of the recycling change: Effective immediately, please exclude paper-based food and beverage cartons from all recycling containers and discard them with your trash. Note: This change does NOT affect food and beverage containers made from glass, plastic, or metal.

The club has had an account at Aubuchon Hardware in Lincoln for a number of years. This can be used during work weekends and at other times when repairs are needed. To use the account, let the cashier know to charge to the Lexington Ski Club, and provide a brief description (e.g., WW#2 paint and plumbing, Room 4 bathroom repair). Please take the receipt, send to me, and let the Lodge Chair know as well. The description you provide will appear on our monthly account statement. If you do not use Aubuchon, to be reimbursed, you must fill out a reimbursement form and send it along with the receipt to the Lodge Chair (or WW host) for signature and then send to me so I can send you a check. Using Aubuchon is much easier and quicker if you can.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Dan Connell

Treasurer
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Social Report

Join us for Oktoberfest at our meeting on October 16.

Please bring:

Appetizer: A-K (last name)

Dessert: L-Z (last name)

Beer, wine, and cider (non-alcohol) will be provided.

Eric Pearlman, Social Committee Chair

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Membership Report

Hi all. Lots of changes in the membership:

Resignations: Ed and Barbara Mahoney, Mike and Patty Shaughnessy, Peter Forte

New inactive: Christophe and Johanna Couturier

Chip Bogosian has moved to active membership.

Betsy Stanford has joined the club as a derivative member.

Ian and Alix Fox and their family became family members.

The great news on the membership front has been the club participation in town days across the area this summer and fall, with booths at the Lexington, Winchester, Burlington, Arlington, and Bedford town days! Much time went into each of these, and many thanks to all who volunteered their time.

Consequently, we now have 9 prospective families in various stages of the application process. We currently have 40 families, 4 adult derivatives, and 1 alumnus in active membership.

Also new this year, John Yasaitis volunteered to chair a committee on member recruitment. This group met in September to plan future recruitment activities, including earmarking people willing to be active in their own towns for advertising activities for the club.

Lastly, one challenge in recruiting these new prospective members is identifying people willing to be sponsors. We may hit a limit on adding more prospective families because of a lack of availability of people willing to be sponsors. If I send you an email asking you to take on sponsorship for a family, please seriously consider it. I screen them with at least a 20-minute phone call first. It would involve a phone call or brief visit on your part and hosting them at the club over the winter or helping them find another member to host them if they want to go up on a weekend when you're not going.

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair

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