

The Yodeler

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December 2018

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Treasurer: *Dan Connell*

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.

Host families are responsible for set-up before and clean-up after 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.

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

January 15, 2018: Pearlman, Raiche, Redmon

March 19, 2019: Savarino/Alaimo, Scholl, Sciaretta M

President's Report

If the early ski conditions are any indication of the season ahead, we are in for a great year. It has been cold and snowing much of December up North!

People who asked for packets should have them by now. A tremendous amount of time went into putting them together. I would like to thank Cindy Darcy for all her hard work in assembling them. Please take the time to review the rules of the lodge and the host responsibilities, either on the website or in the packet.

The lodge chair tells us that the lodge is in good shape and ready for the ski season. Please notice the new windows! Thank you to everyone for their hard work at this past off-season's work weekends. Alden is set to start cooking. He already has the vacation week menu planned. First meal will be Wednesday dinner, December 27, at this point. If any member has any problem with a meal, please do not go to Alden, go to the host or email Kevin Martin, Marsha Fox, or Sue Gardner.

Enjoy!

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Lodge Report

The lodge is in good shape, and we should see some improvements in comfort this winter from the new windows and insulation in the attic. There is still more work to do to get the building better sealed, but we are on our way. Members can help by remembering to keep windows and doors closed. In the unlikely event that your room is too hot, please do not open a window. This will just end up pulling cold air into the building from somewhere else. Instead, consider grabbing a fan from the attic to redistribute that warm air to some other place.

The last work weekend in November saw a big cleanup in the attic, along with some relocation of belongings. If your stuff is not where you left it, please look around. We certainly did not dispose of any items or boxes that were labeled, nor did we throw out skis, boots, or other equipment, but there is still a lot of "stuff" in the attic, and we spent a lot of extra time moving it around during the insulating process. If you have any old equipment that you are no longer using, please take it home, and fill up your own attic or dispose of it at home.

I would like to take this time to remind members of the rules on attic storage.

2. ATTIC STORAGE:

A. One (1) locker or equivalent space per family, not to exceed 4 ft. X 2 ft. (3 ft. X 2 ft. preferred). Existing larger lockers are grandfathered.

B. Owners' names must be written on outside of locker.

C. Locks are discouraged. Locked lockers can be a problem if they need to be moved for Club repairs.

D. Removal/Transfer of lockers: Active members and inactive members are entitled to have a locker. When a member leaves the Club, he/she must dispose of their locker by:

1. Removing the locker
2. Selling or giving the locker to another member
3. If the locker is not removed/transferred within 6 months, the abandoned locker will be offered to the membership by lottery.

E. No food or combustibles (e.g., white gas) is to be stored in the attic.

There are now several available lockers and some open spaces for people to install a locker or shelves. If you want a locker and do not currently have one, please take a look in the attic and take over one of the free ones. They are all labelled "Free." Follow the rules above if you are establishing your own location. If you are unsure what to do, ask me. We will be continuing to insulate above rooms 1-4 and 24 next year, so please avoid using space in this area when you are trying to find a spot.

Finally, a reminder about trash. The dumpsters will be emptied every 2 weeks during the ski season, and we still have a pile of attic junk that needs to be disposed of in the dumpsters as we go along. We will be slowly adding the junk every few weeks until it is all gone—or is buried by the snow plow :- (and we have to wait for spring. Please also remember that the recycling dumpster is only for glass, metal, plastic, paper, and cardboard. No trash bags and no paper food containers.

Cheers,
Peter Hardman
Lodge Chair

Membership Report

Hello all. I am pleased to announce that Mustafa Varoglu and Janet Westerhoff and their children, Sofia and Maya have met with the membership committee and the eboard. We all feel they would make great additions to the club. If we hear no concerns within 2 weeks, they will officially be offered membership.

As the ski season approaches, please be aware we have 8 other prospective families that will be coming to the club. Please welcome them and get to know them if possible. The more people involved in this process, the better.

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair
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Social Report

The Social Committee is busy getting ready for the annual Holiday Party, which will be held Tuesday, December 18 from 6-8.

An email has been sent with details on the event including food assignments for the potluck dinner and details regarding Santa's visit (important for families with young children)!

We are seeking volunteers to help the hosts set up and clean up and to run craft activities. Set-up will begin at 5:30.

Eric Pearlman and Les Yee, Social Committee Chairs
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Treasurer's Report

As of December 6:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$10,324
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$45,972</u>
Savings account:	\$79,796
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$18,313</u>
Total	\$98,109

We have had some large expenditures over the last few months to make significant improvements to the lodge. We spent about \$1,600 on insulation, \$6,000 on replacement windows, and \$1,800 on two new refrigerators and toasters. Altogether, we have spent approximately \$14,000 more than we had by this time last year, but our balance sheet shows our assets to be approximately \$2,100 more than at this time last year. This is mostly because of savings from last fiscal year.

With the ski season beginning, I would like to remind everyone to fill out their reservation forms completely. Even if there is no room charge, I need to record your stay correctly, and I do not want to guess how many days you were at the club or whether you had kids with you, etc. Also please sign the reservation form and pay the host, typically on your last night. With the ability to pay using Venmo, not having a check is no longer a problem. If you make changes after you have printed the form, please be sure to make the needed corrections in the totals column. Hosts, please verify that the forms are filled out completely because this will make it much quicker to enter the information. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. The reservation form has fairly explicit instructions, but I would be happy to answer any questions.

Lastly, I wanted 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. This change does NOT affect food and beverage containers made from glass, plastics, and metals. The rule on trash can liners in the recycling dumpster remains the same as last year—NO LINERS IN RECYCLING DUMPSTER—just dump the recycling in and reuse or throw away the liner. We have just restarted two-per-month pickups for trash and recycling. You will notice that there is a pile of garbage near the dumpsters that was generated during the last couple of work weekends. If you are at the club, and there is room in the trash dumpster, please help out and put a few items in the dumpster so we can get rid of it before it is covered in deep snow for the winter. The next pickup is December 12 for trash (every other Wednesday) and December 11 for recycling (every other Tuesday).

Hope to see everyone at the holiday party.

Dan Connell
Treasurer
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