

# The Yodeler

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## March 2017

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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 21, 2017: **Moore**, Osten, Pearlman

April 28, 2017: Winetasting: **Perlmutter**, Raiche, Redmon

May 16, 2017: **Sabin**, Savarino/Alaimo, Scholl

## President's Report

Just when you thought spring was here, winter comes roaring back. Another nor'easter this week gave most ski areas an added boost. Hopefully this will extend the season well into April.

We have had a number of reports of lights being left on and doors and windows left unlocked. I want to remind everyone, when you leave to head home after your stay at the club, check all doors and windows in your room and make sure they are locked. Also make sure lights are turned off. These include the attic lights and exterior parking lot lights.

I am happy to report that we have a new housekeeper to take over for Ann Albert, who resigned last month. Our cook, Alden, has agreed to take over these responsibilities.

The March membership meeting is coming up, and we will be electing new officers to the E-Board. I hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting.

Enjoy the spring skiing.

Jeff (jmoore.nh@gmail.com)

## **Membership Report**

We have room for three new family members in the club. Do you know a skiing family? The Lexington Ski Club might be the perfect fit.

Currently, we have one perspective family. Christopher and Megan White along with their son Owen (8) live at 12 Candace Avenue, Waltham, MA 02453 and are sponsored by the Doctoroffs and the McVeighs.

Happy Spring!

Cathy Fahy and the Membership Committee

## **Lodge Report**

Since last month, we have dealt with some challenges.

The hot water circulation pump in the basement was replaced. This has solved the hot water problem in the motels and lower dorm.

The sink in the mens bathroom and one of the sinks in the kitchen have been repaired to solve slow drainage, and leaks. The grease trap was full, which had caused another kitchen leak. This has now been emptied.

We are down to one propane hot water heater but still have the electric hot water as a backup. I will schedule a service call with Dead River and would like to know if there are any members who would be available midweek to let in the engineer before I book the visit.

I'd also like to thank Tom and Rita McCarthy, who did some odd jobs at the club during the last snow storm (fixing some door locks, the food warmer in the kitchen, and some other bits and bobs). It's these small contributions that help keep the club running smoothly and allow us all to enjoy the skiing.

Snow has returned, so please remember to clear snow off the stairs and the access walkways outside.

Finally, I am looking for suggestions as to what lodge improvements members would like to see in the coming year. Please feel free to email them to me, or let me know at the next Tuesday meeting.

Peter Hardman (peter\_hardman@mac.com)

## **Social Report**

Reserve Friday, April 28, for the Annual Lex Ski Wine Tasting. It will be held at the Cotran-Kelly home. Thank you, Paul and Anne!

Julie McVeigh

## Treasurer's Report

As of March 10

Replacement Reserve:	\$19,000
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$12,000
Operating MM:	\$37,455
Savings account:	\$63,455
Checking account:	\$7,499
Total	\$70,955

We have about \$31,000 more in the bank than at this time last year. As shown above, the Upcoming Maintenance fund has \$12,000, which is reserved for building improvements and nonemergency repairs. In the coming months, the E-Board will be discussing the plan and budget for these projects.

About \$46,000 remains on the \$75,000 15-year loan that was taken out in 2010 for the furnace replacement. We have been paying about \$100 additional principal each month, which will save the club about \$3,400 and end payments about 18 months early.

As I mentioned last month, the club has been taking in about \$1,000/week from meal and lodging charges. This was true over five of the last seven weeks. The week of March 3, when the weather was starting to look like winter was over, we only took in half that, but winter is back, at least for a couple of weeks I hope. During the February break week, we took in about \$5,000. It is difficult to determine with certainty if this is typical for the break week, but it does look like we did the same last year as well.

I appreciate that nearly everyone has been using the new reservation form. This makes it less time consuming for me to enter the data into our accounting software. One thing I will continue to ask is that the hosts and members please ensure that the Total column is correct if you make updates to the daily counts and that you completely fill in the room counts even though there is no cost. A few people each week have not done this, and then I need to contact them or the host or try to figure it out based on the meals and how old the children are.

On a personal note, I finally got on the slopes on Sunday with Kevin and Alison Martin and then later in the day, Mason and Quinn joined as well and it was fantastic. Despite the cold, it was a great day to ski.

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