

# The Yodeler

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## April 2019

### Executive Board

President: *John Pinsky*

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Secretary: *Cindy Darcy*

Treasurer: *Dan Connell*

Membership: *Lorelle and Les Yee*

Activities: *Eric Pearlman*

Communications: *Ann Redmon*

### 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 bringing a snack and 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.

April 26, 2019: 7:00-9:00: Wine tasting: Sciaretta W, Sebell, Shelden-Mendes

May 21, 2019: Stanford, Tamir/Pinsky

June 2019: Picnic

### President's Report

Spring has finally arrived, and another ski season is in the books. It was a great year, with a strong March and April. Thank you to Kevin Martin, Sue Gardner, and Marcia Fox for handling all the food and kitchen supply ordering this past season and to Alden for taking on more responsibility with the menu planning. From all accounts, he did a fantastic job. I want to thank Joe Scholl for all his dedicated hard work as Membership Chair this past year. He has done an excellent job, as we have a nice lineup of prospective members, but let's not get complacent . . . we always need more!

Next year's budget will be presented at the May membership meeting. I urge all members to attend this important meeting and vote to approve the budget. We are anticipating an increase in annual dues and initiation fees.

As everyone starts to think about cleaning up their yards, gardening, and driving their athletes to all of the spring sports, don't forget about the work weekends. With the recent accident there is much work to do. The spring work weekends are typically small and a great time to fulfill your obligation.

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## Lodge Report

Work is progressing on lodge repairs. As noted at the meetings and in emails from our esteemed president, some rooms are off limits while we investigate and repair the damage from the porch collapse and the water leaks from ice dams. We received some funds this week from the insurance company to pay for the emergency measures that we needed to take to make the lodge safe (sprinkler repair, ice removal), but not the entire amount needed to fund all of the work that needs to be done. We expect to learn more in the coming weeks as the insurance company works with our assessor to determine the extent of the claim.

As the ski season winds down, our minds must turn to upkeep of the lodge through our work weekends. As the porch collapse shows, we have much work to do, and the sooner we start executing the bigger tasks, the sooner we will be in better shape. I would like to have the first work weekend in **late April (27, 28) or early May (4, 5)** this year to prepare the basement for the new oil tanks. If anyone is interested in attending that weekend or being the work weekend leader, please let me know. We will be moving debris from the basement and mixing and pouring a concrete slab, so I am looking for some people willing and able to do some manual labor.

Thanks, Peter

## Treasurer's Report

As of April 6:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$10,337
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$40,985</u>
Savings account:	\$74,822
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$3,643</u>
Total	\$78,465

We have about \$2,500 more in total assets in our bank account than at this time last year. We brought in about \$1,900 more in dues and membership fees and \$200 more from meal and room charges during this fiscal year compared to last.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be on the Finance Committee. I will be sending last year's budget and the last few years' P&L statements to the committee in the next few weeks so we can begin the process. The budget will be sent out about two weeks before the May meeting so that everyone can review it before the meeting.

There have been no changes to the club's pre-payment fees since 2016. Last year, the average annual payment for family members (not including derivative and alumni members) was \$1,349. The previous year, it was \$1,367. Over the last nine years, the pre-payment fees have been raised four times. In 2010 they were \$880. Last year they were \$1,310. Based on the ice damage to the roof over the last season and the mitigation work done recently in many of the rooms, I predict that there will be another increase this year. Although painting and cleaning will continue to be done during work weekends, more substantial work is also needed, much of which we will need to hire contractors to do.

We should be receiving our first emergency payment from Hanover Insurance in the next few days. Soon after the porch collapse, we hired a local company to shovel the back roof and remove the ice. They did a great job, and if you are at the club in the next few weeks or longer, depending on the weather, you can see the massive pile of snow and blocks of ice in the back courtyard. Emergency sprinkler repairs were also needed that Rick Crocker, our sprinkler inspector, was able to get to the club and take care of on the day of the collapse. There is ongoing investigative work as well.

I hope to see everyone at the wine tasting in April and the budget meeting in May, the last business meeting of the fiscal year.

Dan Connell  
Treasurer  
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## **Membership Report**

The Membership Committee would like to announce that Janice Sciarretta will be stepping down from her responsibilities with the committee. For many years, the committee has relied on Janice for her guidance and participation in recruiting and vetting new members. Please join us in thanking her for her contributions.

We are searching for new members to join the Membership Committee. Please let us know if you would like to join.

We would like to congratulate the Pattinsons and Milletts on completing the membership process. They are now officially Lexington Ski Club members.

Tim and Lauren Weeks have completed the membership process and will be offered full membership in two weeks unless concerns are raised.

Four families are nearing completion of the process, and an additional eight families are in the early phases.

We are considering participating in various town days again this year and are evaluating which events delivered the most qualified prospects. If you worked the booth at one of the town days, please give us your feedback on traffic, quality, etc.

These events are time-consuming and require membership support. Ideally, one club member would take the lead on coordination efforts at one town day. The good news is that since we did this last year, we have supplies all ready to go. Please let us know which event, you can help us out with.

- Discovery Day (Lexington Town Day), Saturday, May 25
- Winchester Town Day, Saturday, June 1
- Arlington Town Day, Saturday, September 14
- Bedford Town Day, Saturday, September 22
- Burlington Town Day, TBD

Lorelle and Les Yee, Membership Committee Chairs

## **Social Report**

Join us for an adults-only night of fun as we blind-taste wines from around the world.

When: Friday, April 26, 7:00-9:00.

Where: The home of Anne Kelly and Paul Cotran, 14 Oakland St, Lexington.

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