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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.

October 17, 2017, Oktoberfest: **Sheldon Mendez**, Tamir Pinsky, Turner Rossi

November 21, 2017: **Vogel**, Yasaitis, Yee

December 19, 2017, Holiday Party: **Baker**, Brandenburg, Brewer

President's Report

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

We are kicking off the 2017-18 season with the Oktoberfest gathering this month. Julie and her helpers 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 raising some guest fees to make up for a number of families going inactive or resigning from the club. We are now down to just 43 families. If you know of any families that you think would be a good fit, now would be a great time to encourage them to join.

There are only a couple of 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.

I have some news myself. Kathi and I will be relocating to North Carolina the first week of November and will go inactive for this year. The E-Board has accepted John Pinsky, Member at Large, to serve as interim President for the remainder of the 2017-18 term. I hope you will support John in his new role.

Kathi and I would like to thank everyone for the great memories over the past 40 years. We will be at the Oktoberfest to say farewell and pass the gavel over to John.

Hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest,

Jeff (jmoore.nh@gmail.com)

Membership Report

Welcome to autumn 2017. Winter is right around the corner!

We have had much change in our membership this year. I will start with resignations.

John & Shari Marquis
Burt & Bobbi Perlmutter
Jay Flynn & Mary Speare
Pete & Toni Tasker
Gary & Molly Garberg
Fran & Nick Miles
Marc Garrigus & family

All these families will be missed, and we wish you well. They many years in the club and have contributed many hours to making the club function and thrive. I especially want to thank Burt and Bobbi Perlmutter for their work in the club and years of service.

Our inactive list has grown:

Roy & Sandra Lynn
Ed & Barbara Mahoney
Deborah & Mike Sabin
Jim & Susan Stone
Cooper Stone
Jeff & Kathi Moore

Those remaining inactive:

Chip Bogosian
Peter Forte
Andy & Jane Levin
Charlie & Jane Levin
Mike & Patty Shaughnessy
Mary Van Sinek
Pat & Cathy Sinnott

If I am counting right, our membership is now at 43 families. The good news is that we have a lot of room to grow. The members who have joined in the past few years have brought much vitality to the club. I am going to send out a separate email to the club on plans to increase membership. I would like to expand the membership committee. Eboard discussions have been positive for going outside the

club for new members as we did 4 years ago. Please consider joining the membership committee with me to work on this important task for the future of the club

Joe Scholl and the Membership Committee

Lodge Report

Ski season is fast approaching, and there are two work weekends remaining. It looks like most people have signed up for the weekend of their choice, but we have a few stragglers. If that's you, please remember that it is only with the work of everyone as a community doing what they can during the year, volunteering some of their time and helping, that we are able to keep the building safe and sound for us all to enjoy throughout the year. So do your part, and sign up soon. Members who do not fulfill this requirement will lose their priority number. This year, we had to drop the weekend in June because of lack of attendance. This was a lost opportunity to do outside work in the summer weather. For next year, please consider trying to get your weekend scheduled earlier.

Thanks

Peter Hardman (peter_hardman@mac.com)

Treasurer's Report

Nearly all dues and late fees have now been received. With many families going inactive or resigning (the Budget Committee predicted four families would resign, and it was actually five and another five going inactive), the club collected about \$6,800 less than predicted. Despite this shortfall, the balance in the bank is more than at this time last year.

I have added \$3,500 to the Replacement Reserve fund, as approved during the budget meeting.

As previously mentioned, there will be some discussion at the Oktoberfest meeting regarding late fees and guest fees, as well as some related by-law changes.

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 or Room 4 bathroom repair). Please get the receipt and send to me, and let the Lodge Chair know as well. The description you provided will appear on our monthly account statement. If you do not use Aubuchon, to get reimbursed, you must fill out a reimbursement form and send it with the receipt to the Lodge Chair for signature and then to me so I can send you a check. Using Aubuchon is easier and quicker if you can do it that way.

As of October 7:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,470
Operating MM:	\$38,016
Savings account:	\$75,986
Checking account:	\$24,357
Total	\$100,343

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Dan Connell
Lexington Ski Club Treasurer
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Social Report

Join us for Oktoberfest.

Please bring:

Appetizer A-K (last name)

Dessert L-Z (last name)

Beer, wine, and cider will be provided.