



The Lodge  
of the  
Lexington  
Ski Club

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**January 2023**

**Executive Board**

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**LexSki Membership Meetings**

January 17, 2023                      Membership Meeting, Location Belmont Hill School Chapel, 7:30PM

**LexSki Events**

January 28, 2023                      Burn's Night at the lodge

February 14, 2023                      Pub Night at Revolution Hall 3 Maguire Rd, Lexington, 6:30-8:30PM

February 20/21, 2023                      Banff Film Festival, Regent Theatre, Arlington

**President's Report (President@lexski.org)**

While Covid is certainly not over the club appears to be getting back to normal in attendance at the lodge, meetings and events - which is great news. With that in mind we should be thinking about getting our house back in order with help in managing the club.

We will be having elections for the E-Board in March. While you may not be ready to take a position on the board, being on one of several committees is a way you can get a taste of what it is to be part of the decisions making and perhaps use that as a stepping stone to joining the E-Board.

The By-Laws state that several committees should exist to assist several E-Board positions. Other than the Finance Committee, during Covid the E-Board has been working without committees and not only is it very taxing but only one voice is being heard. I would appreciate it if you would step up and be part of one (or more) of the following committees:

**Membership Committee: A membership committee consisting of no less than five (5) members, including the Membership Chair, shall review and process all applications for membership not otherwise covered by these By-Laws. It shall be required that at least three (3) members be present to process applications prior to submission to the Executive Board for final approval. The Membership Committee shall meet at such time and place as its function may require. The Committee is charged with the responsibility for (a) maintaining a current list of prospective members; (b) ascertaining that all prospective members have fulfilled all the requirements for membership; and (c) maintaining up-to-date membership lists.**

**Lodge Committee: A Lodge Committee, including a Lodge Chair and Assistant Lodge Chair, shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Lodge and shall propound rules and regulations relating thereto, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Lodge Committee shall meet at such time and place as its function may require.**

**Social committee: A Social Committee, including a Social Chair and Assistant Social Chair shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, plan, initiate, and direct various extra-curricular activities of the Club of a type not otherwise provided for in these By-Laws and for the benefit of the Club and its members for the purposes and objectives of the Club as set forth in these By-Laws. The Committee shall set forth and submit to the Executive Board, no later than September 1 of each year, a plan of activities for the current year. The Social Committee shall meet at such time and place as its functions may require.**

**Finance Committee: A Finance Committee, consisting of five (5) members, including a chair, with the Treasurer and another member of the Executive Board being ex-officio members, shall examine and periodically report to the membership on the capital and financial structure of the Club. It shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, prepare an annual budget covering operating expenses and capital improvements. Such budgets**

are to be submitted to the general membership for approval at the May meeting. It shall be charged with the responsibility to evaluate and recommend to the membership all possible ways and means available to the Club to meet its financial requirements. The Finance Committee shall meet at such time and place as its functions may require.

If you have interest in a particular committee, please reach out to the current E-Board member in that position for answers to any questions.

**General housekeeping:** Now that the dining room is open and running smoothly, I would like to remind everyone that food needs to be consumed during the meal and extra food cannot be taken for later meals. Bacon and Sausage should also be limited to two of each per meal. I know this sounds petty but between the cost of food and labor and most importantly planning each meal we are lucky to break even at best for meals. The meals in of itself are a great value but also help build community during the ski season and we appreciate your understanding.

Let's think snow for the rest of the season.

Eric Pearlman  
President@LexSki.org

### **Lodge Report (LodgeChair@lexski.org)**

The lodge is running just fine as we enter the busy season. This week, we had the boiler serviced because it had to be reset a couple of times during the first couple of weeks of heating. Thanks to Betsy for making a special trip to reset it for us. Small jobs in the kitchen remain, but we are knocking them off the list as time allows. Please add any item that you see during your stay that needs to be addressed to the lodge chair log in the Main Office. We are lining up contractors (plumbing, electrical and ceiling) for the April living room project. We will be asking for some early work weekend volunteers in April. More info to come as we get closer.

Dan and Kristen  
Lodge Chairs  
LodgeChair@LexSki.org

### **Social Report (Social@lexski.org).**

Hi Everyone!

A little bit more snow would be nice, but I know everyone is enjoying the early season as much as possible thus far. To add to the fun we have a few events both at the Lodge and locally, which I would like to make everyone aware of:

1. **Saturday, January 28** at the lodge will be "Burns Night". A Scottish celebration which honors the life and poetry of Robert Burns. You don't need to be a Scot to join in, and I am certain there will be a few libations which come along with some recitals of his works. This will be held primarily in the bar area of the lodge.

2. **Tuesday, February 14th** our 2nd local 'Pub Night' outing will be held at Revolution Hall in Lexington from 6:30 - 8:30 (3 Maguire Road). Come one, come all, bring friends and have a drink and maybe some food. This is not sponsored by the club, so everyone will be taking care of their own bill, but it's nice to get out and hang out!

3. **Monday, February 20th and/or Tuesday the 21st** is the BANNF Film Festival playing at the Regent Theater in Arlington. A few of us already have tickets for Monday's show. The shows run all week long in case you want to check them out a different day. <https://www.hermitlake.com/>

4. We will be having a movie night for all ages in February on a Saturday evening at the lodge. I will announce the date soon.

Hope to see some of you for a few of these fun events! If you have any questions feel free to email me back.

Mike Sciarretta  
[Social@LexSki.org](mailto:Social@LexSki.org)

## Treasurer's Report ([Treasurer@lexski.org](mailto:Treasurer@lexski.org))

As of 1/8/23:

TD Operating Checking	\$ 30,854.10
EIDL Checking	\$ 24,622.34
TD Operating Money Mkt	\$ 7,757.13
Cap Improvement Fund Money Mkt:	\$ 105,276.73
Cap Improvement Donations Money Mkt:	\$ 2,403.00
Emergency Fund Money Mkt:	\$ 43,500.00
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$ 214,413.30</b>
<b>SBA Loan Balance: (debt)</b>	<b>\$ 165,030.23</b>

It was great to see the lodge busy over the Holiday Break! Now we just need some snow to keep the lodge filled up!

Remember that during ski season, all reservation forms must be processed through the Host for the week instead of being sent to the Treasurer. Only hosts should be sending me forms during the ski season, and hosts must submit the forms to me no later than Thursday after the weekend. These are easiest to process if they are scanned and sent to me by email as Adobe pdf files. Members are reminded that all guest or meals fees need to be settled with the host on the last night of your stay, and Venmo remains the preferred payment method. Only members (not guests) may make payments to the Club.

As we have done in the past at the start of ski season, I have temporarily upgraded our internet to provide increased bandwidth to keep the Wi-Fi working well when the lodge is busy, and YouTube TV has been re-activated on the lodge's TVs. These services will remain through the end of the ski season in March. The TV's all have a Roku operating system, so you may also enable any of the services you use at home while staying at the lodge, but please don't log out of the club's YouTube TV account.

As recycling remains a major expense for the club, please remember to not place any un-flattened cardboard boxes into the recycling dumpster. Crushing your aluminum cans helps too!

Reminders:

- **Effective 7/1/22, Guest fees increased to \$30/night per adult and \$10 for teens age 13-20.**
- There is a new **PURPLE** color coded reservation form on the website for 2022-2023 reservations.
- Extra blank forms are available in the office.
- If you are hosting, please make sure all reservation forms use **only** the newest **PURPLE** form.

As always, if you have any questions please reach out.

Kevin Baker  
treasurer@lexski.org

## Membership Report ([Membership@lexski.org](mailto:Membership@lexski.org))

Hi! We've got a number of prospective members, including some new ones since our last meeting! Irena Fayngold, referred to the club by the Avrahami-Hamels (another prospective member family), and Albuquerque-Raduans (who I think found out about us through Lexington Discovery Day). I've also talked to a third interested family, the Oriels who know Steve and Sandra Jahnes (a new family) and the Swartz's (another prospective member family). Both Irena and the Albuquerque-Fayngolds need a second sponsor family. Please find me at the meeting if you're interested.

Currently in the prospective member pipeline (in addition to the 3 listed above) are the Hiltons, Weinstens, Calhouns, Leitch, Swartz, and Avrahami-Hamel, families.) If you're sponsoring one of those families, reach out to them and get them excited about the ski season! The Avrahami-Hamels have already been to the club twice, and were also up at MLK! I'll soon be announcing them as having completed all requirements and looking for membership feedback.

**Sponsor families, please remember to be available for any questions your prospective member family may have, and to help them with the reservation process. Also, I need sponsor letters from:**

- Alaimo (for the Calhouns)
- Martin (for the Calhouns)
- Gelfand Nichols (for the Swartz family)
- Marsha Fox (for Irena Fayngold)

Lastly, I'll be stepping down from Membership Chair at the end of this term. However, I will be staying on as assistant to the Membership Chair, and part of the newly re-forming Membership Committee (joining Caren Connell and Kate Colburn. Thanks for volunteering to help out Caren and Kate! *If you're interested in joining the amazing Membership Committee, please let me know! We'll be meeting January 25th at 8pm at my house to start putting a plan on how to organize the committee, assign responsibilities and think about the next year.*

Marc Garrigus  
Membership@LexSki.org

#### **Communication Report ([Info@lexski.org](mailto:Info@lexski.org))**

The new website is ready and will be transferred to the lexski.org URL shortly. I invite you to look it over and provide feedback to me. It is temporarily at this URL: <https://lexski.sitedistrict.com> The site is set up so that all users will be able to have their own account and password. However, I'd like to wait until we move to the lexski.org URL before we set that up. Temporarily, I have set up a single user called lexski' with the usual password to access the member only area. This account is temporary and will be taken down in a few weeks.

Marsha Fox  
Communications  
[Info@LexSki.org](mailto:Info@LexSki.org)

#### **Secretary Report ([Secretary@lexski.org](mailto:Secretary@lexski.org))**

The December meeting was the holiday party and no minutes were taken.

Cindy Darcy  
Secretary