



**The Lodge
of the
Lexington
Ski Club**

The Yodeler

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LexSki Membership Meetings

April 28, 2023 Wine Tasting Event, Belmont Hill School, Note this is Friday evening.

May 16, 2023 Membership Meeting, TBD

LexSki Events

April 15-16 Work Weekend (Butlers are hosting)

May 6-7 Work Weekend (McCarthys are hosting)

May 9 Tavern night meet-up

July 14-16 Lexski Gran Fondo Weekend (Alaimo-Sevarino are hosting)

August 5-6 Work Weekend (Curtins are hosting)

President's Report (President@lexski.org)

With Winter coming to a fast close and the local mountains winding down I look back at a successful ski season. While it took a while to build a good base of snow once it did it was a lot of fun. The club was a bee hive of activity for much of the season with many new faces singing songs or telling jokes at a Saturday night dinner.

Spring is upon us and that means another round of renovations. I encourage everyone to sign up early for work weekends (perhaps more than one ☺) and even host.

I want to thank everyone who helped during the season: Lodge chairs, food and housekeeping committees and a big thank you to Alden for all of his years of service.

I am already looking forward to the 23/24 ski season!

Eric Pearlman

President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report (LodgeChair@lexski.org)

The first Work Weekend is April 15-16. We will be working the living room and bathrooms in 2 and 3. But there are plenty of other tasks that need to be accomplished. We will be adding tape to all skis this weekend. Any ski that still has tape next April will be repurposed or thrown away. With the weather looking summer-like, we will, depending on numbers, handle some outdoor cleanup. Please bring sunscreen.

So far the McCarthys and the Curtins have volunteered to be Work Weekend Warriors (yes, I run jokes to the ground). Still looking for leaders for May, July, Sept, October, and November.

Upcoming Work Weekend:

McCarthy: May 6-7

Curtin: Aug 5-6

The lodge is in pretty good shape heading into the off-season. No major issues cropped up over the ski season. As mentioned above, major projects are the living room and bathrooms in 2 and 3. The bathrooms will take some time to complete. The goal for the living room is to be completed before June.

Dan and Kristen

Lodge Chairs

LodgeChair@LexSki.org

Social Report (Social@lexski.org).

Even though we won't have much more skiing to look forward to as we enter into the Spring and Summer seasons, we will be staying active as a club with a few really fun events coming up.

Friday April 28th is our annual Wine Tasting! This is the time to conjure your inner Sommelier. We will be providing wine, crackers and cheese and a few non-alcoholic beverages so that you can score your best guesses for the associated Country and Type. This is always a fun event to bring us all together at the end of the season.

July 14-16th will be the 2023 Annual Gran Fondo! Hosted by Lou and Christine, this weekend is a fun summer event which includes a short bike ride, a long bike ride and also a group hike alternative.

We will also continue our Tuesday night Tavern hang-outs starting back up in May. This is typically scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at a local pub, so please keep an eye out for the location of the May 9th meet up.

Mike Sciarretta and Betsy Stanford

Social@LexSki.org

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@lexski.org)

As of 4/9/23:

TD Operating Checking	\$ 6,951.40
EIDL Checking	\$ 24,622.34
TD Operating Money Mkt	\$ 18,372.71
Cap Improvement Fund Money Mkt:	\$ 95,276.73
Cap Improvement Donations Money Mkt:	\$ 2,403.00
Emergency Fund Money Mkt:	\$ 43,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS:	\$ 191,126.18
SBA Loan Balance: (debt 2.75% APY)	\$ 163,682.25

March was a great month financially for the club, as we ended the month with about \$2K more than we started. This was largely due to the addition of two new families, but also was because of strong guest revenue, warmer temperatures, and excellent spending controls on food and other costs.

As the federal government will be ending the COVID 19 public health emergency declaration on May 11, 2023, the EIDL checking account will soon close and the funds be spent down in our accounting software. In my next report, this will be offset by an equal increase in the balance of our operating Money Market account, but you will see the EIDL Checking account no longer listed in these monthly reports once it is closed and has a zero balance.

As we start the off-season, please remember that there is still a host assigned every week! In the off-season, the host responsibility still includes collecting and assembling the reservation forms and answering member room assignment questions. In the off-season only members should also CC the treasurer a copy of their reservation form for all stays. Payments for guest fees must be sent immediately after any lodge stay, preferably by Venmo.

YouTube TV has been turned off until next ski season. The ROKU on each TV allows you to sign into any streaming service you have at home. Feel free to use your own account if you need TV access. The internet capacity has also been reduced for the off-season but remains more than adequate for most uses, including Zoom.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: I will be choosing a date for our first meeting soon, as we will need to present a budget proposal at the May meeting. If you're interested in being on this committee, please send me an email. So far, the following members have volunteered for this year: Cindy Darcy, Kevin Martin, Mustafa Varoglu, Paul Cotran, Sam Gravina, and Chris White.

Reminders:

- **Effective 7/1/22, Guest fees increased to \$30/night per adult and \$10 for teens age 13-20.**
- If you are hosting, please make sure all reservation forms use only the newest **PURPLE** form.
- Do not place un-flattened cardboard boxes in the recycling dumpster.

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

Kevin Baker
treasurer@lexski.org

Membership Report (Membership@lexski.org)

Please welcome the newest members of the Club! Irena Fayngold, and her children Amitai (16) and Moth (14) and Bill and Mea Hilton and their children Danny (21), Liam (19) and Finn (14). Both families are from Lexington and excited to join.

The Membership Committee (Marc Garrigus, Kate Colburn, Christian Ehrbar, Irene Gravina and myself) will be meeting on April 26th to organize for the upcoming Town Days:

- Lexington (Saturday, May 27th)
- Winchester (Saturday, June 3rd)
- Arlington (Saturday, September 23rd)

We will be looking for volunteers to staff the booth and distributing a signup sheet in the coming weeks. Please consider joining for even a 1-hour time slot. It is a great opportunity for us to raise awareness and promote the club!

As a reminder, we will also be proposing a couple of changes to the By-Laws to vote on at the May meeting:

- Eliminate "with sponsor family" requirement from the bylaws. All members should feel comfortable hosting a prospective member family.
- Change a "a visit must be 2 nights to count" to "a visit must include a Saturday Dinner and a Sunday breakfast"
- Moving the feedback period from after the prospective member meets with e-board to as soon as the prospective member completes the requirements of meeting attendance and lodge visit.
- Change the requirement of serving on the Lodge Committee for the first year of membership to serving on Lodge or Membership Committee.

Also, a big thank you to Marc for leading membership for several years with great success and helping with the transition. Looking forward to serving as membership chair.

Caren Connell
Membership@LexSki.org

Communication Report (Info@lexski.org)

The new website is finally up and running at lexski.org! I have set up usernames: *firstname_LASTNAME* for all adult members. This will give you access to the Members Only area that includes a member list, priority numbers, club guides and a link to the old website. You will receive a link via email from the site to reset your password. Use it to create a new password. You can then set up your profile, change your preferred email address, and even upload a picture. Type in the URL <http://lexski.org> to get to the site. This is all new, so there are sure to be a few bugs. Please email me at info@lexski.org with 'login issue' in the Subject line if you have problems, questions or to reset your password. If you find that you don't have an account and want one, you can register for one on the Member Profile Actions page. This will require an approval by a site admin, either me or Kristen Butler.

Marsha Fox
Communications
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Secretary Report (Secretary@lexski.org)

March 21, 2023 Membership Meeting

Attendance: 35 members in attendance, plus 2 prospective members (Bill and Mea Hilton)

The following officers were elected for the 2023-2024 term.

President: Eric Pearlman
VP/Lodge: Dan and Kristen Butler
Treasurer: Kevin Baker
Secretary: Cindy Darcy
Membership: Caren Connell
Social: Mike Sciarretta
Communications: Marsha Fox

Treasurer: People are not doing reservation forms correctly. Make sure amounts paid match forms. The number of Venmo payments should match the number of forms and match amounts on forms; please include note (on Venmo payment) of which form the payment is for. The host should check that forms makes sense. It can be helpful for the host to bring a laptop to the lodge and adjust forms with digital version - math will be correct. It is very important to have Total # column (high lighted in yellow) correct.

People need to pay meal-not-taken fee if they didn't eat the meal, not just cross it off the form.

We are now getting 3.5% on our account from TD Bank instead of 0.01%. (Kevin Baker told them he found a bank offering 3.5% and they agreed to match it.)

Social: Wine tasting event will be on a Friday, April 28. Will ask members to bring appetizers to share.

Gran Fondo will be July 15-16. Biking and hiking both available.

This Saturday is 80s day at Cannon.

March 28, members can meet up at Revolution Hall in Lexington.

Membership: Tsachi and Keren Avrahami are newest members. Irena Fayngold and Bill and Mea Hilton becoming members in April.

The reformed membership committee met. Arlington (Sept), Winchester (June) and Lexington (May) town days planned. Researching posting flyer at ski shops. Please reach out to folks who might be interested in club.

The membership committee is proposing some changes to the joining process: Anybody can be sponsor for prospective family visit. Change 2 night requirement to Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast requirement. Change feedback period to start when family complete requirements (rather than after meeting with E-board). Change committee first year requirement to allow choice between lodge and membership. These changes will be presented in time for voting at the May meeting.

Communications: Working on getting new website up and available via lexski.org. New web site will be have passwords that match boot room door codes.

Lodge: Tom and Rita will be Work Weekend hosts for May 16. Cannon is extending season one week, so first WW may get bumped one week - Dan will decide in next few days. (Update: the work weekend will go ahead on April 15-16) That weekend does not require skills - taking down ceiling and moving furniture. Plumbing will be (professionally) replaced. New lighting. Bathrooms in 2 and 3 redone. New carpet. Goal is to have living room usable by Memorial Day weekend.

Do NOT take a bath in room 3 (there is an overflow problem), showers are fine.

January minutes were approved.

Cindy Darcy Secretary
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