



**The Lodge
of the
Lexington
Ski Club**

The Yodeler

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May 2023

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LexSki Membership Meetings

May 16, 2023 Membership Meeting, TBD

LexSki Events

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)

A lot has happened in the last month. For those of you who have been up to the club you will notice the ceiling in the family room and much of the plumbing in the area has been ripped up. The improvements are not only to enjoy today but for the betterment of the club for years to come. I am excited to see the finished product.

Another major event this month is the launch of the new website. Colorful, more navigable it is off to a great start. Thanks Marsha and Kristen. We would also like to have more family pictures whether they are taken in the club or when you are doing activities near the club. I also recommend that you request credentials to go into the member area and do a deeper dive and provide feedback.

Thanks to the Membership committee for the four recommended changes to the by-laws. Making the process

Enjoy Spring!

Eric Pearlman

President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report (LodgeChair@lexski.org)

Work continues in the living room. Thanks to Peter and John G. For helping repair the joists above the living room. After last weekend, the club is prepared for the plumbing to start (this week) and electrical (soon). Various rooms will be down above the living room until all plumbing is complete. Thanks to Steve and Sandra for helping with the lighting design.

We still need someone to lead July, Sept, and October WWs. Please remember, if you run a WW, you can pick the weekend. That should make it easier for families with tight schedules.

The next WW is Aug 5-6, run by the Curtins.

Since we are in the off-season now, we will contact new families about the Lodge Committee.

Thanks

Kristen and Dan

Lodge Chairs

LodgeChair@LexSki.org

Social Report (Social@lexski.org).

Thank you to all who joined the wine tasting, it was a great time and congrats to Jim Osten for winning with a score of 10!

Upcoming this June is our annual ski club picnic! This is a family event and we encourage all to attend. Date and Location will be announced in the coming weeks. **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.

Mike Sciarretta and Betsy Stanford

Social@LexSki.org

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@lexski.org)

As of 5/5/23:

TD Operating Checking	\$	12,544.49
TD Operating Money Mkt	\$	16,917.95
Cap Improvement Fund Money Mkt:	\$	109,776.73
Cap Improvement Donations Money Mkt:	\$	2,403.00
Emergency Fund Money Mkt:	\$	43,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS:	\$	185,142.17
SBA Loan Balance: (debt 2.75% APY)	\$	163,277.55

The ski season has ended, and our fiscal year is now more than $\frac{3}{4}$ over. Our expenses were as expected for the month, and we closed the books for April with about \$6K less than when the month started. This is typical for this time of the year, as April does not generate much member or guest income.

As stated in last month's Report, the funds in our EIDL account have been spent down for accounting purposes and the proceeds have been accounted for within the balances of other accounts. The EIDL account has now been closed, as the federal government will end the COVID 19 public health emergency declaration this week.

The Finance Committee recently met and created a budget proposal that will be presented to the membership at the May membership meeting. I am finalizing the presentation, but thank you to Paul Cotran, Cindy Darcy, Sam Gravina, Mustafa Varoglu and Chris White who participated in this process.

A lot of credit also goes to Dan Butler this year for keeping our food costs low. With food inflation at an all-time high, it was a remarkable feat to keep the food budget on track. Dan expertly managed this, and we ended the year with an \$11.15 surplus after all food and preparation costs were calculated. (If just one less person ate dinner, we would have lost money!) This is the first time since I became Treasurer in 2019 that the club broke even on meals. Typically, for the last few years, we have been running a substantial deficit on meals. Kudos to Dan for all his efforts, and anyone who enjoyed a meal at the club this season owes Dan gratitude for all the work he puts in on this important part of the club.

With the off-season underway, 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.

Reminders:

- 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)

At the May meeting, we will be discussing and voting on several proposed bylaw changes related to membership. The proposed changes aim to align the bylaws with our current practices as well as streamline the membership process. Please review the details sent out via email prior to the meeting.

The Membership committee met for the second time on April 26th to prepare for two upcoming Town Days: Lexington Discovery Day, May 27th and Winchester Town Day, June 3rd. We are looking for volunteers to assist in staffing the booths. Ideally, we will have two members for each hour time block. You should have received an invite to signup. Please consider joining us for an hour or two.

We have four or five prospective families who completed applications and are in various stages of the process. Some have attended meetings and visited the lodge. We will be reaching out to reconnect, answer questions and encourage them to join us for meetings or social events. Please extend a warm Ski Club welcome to them. Also, thank you to the sponsor members! Note: We currently have 46 active member families.

Caren Connell
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Communication Report (Info@lexski.org)

The website is up and many members have logged in. Logging in will give you access to the Members Only area that includes a member list, priority numbers, club guides and many useful things from the old website. Unfortunately we will not be able to reconnect to the old site, but I am working on moving everything over. I also plan to update a lot of the lodge instruction sheets. If you haven't received an invitation to log in please contact me. All members and prospective members are eligible. 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. Please email me at info@lexski.org with 'login issue' in the Subject line if you have problems, questions or to reset your password.

As Eric said, now that we have the site up and running I would be very open to your ideas to make the site more attractive, especially to potential new members. I also plan to set up a family page in the Members Only section with pictures. If you see that your email, address or phone numbers are out of date in the Membership List, please email me with current information and I will update it.

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

April 28, 2024 Membership Meeting was the annual Wine Tasting event. No official business was conducted

Cindy Darcy Secretary
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