



The Lodge
of the
Lexington
Ski Club

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LexSki Membership Meetings

October 17, 2023	7:30 PM	Oktoberfest	First Parish Hall-Lexington
November 21, 2023	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Location TBD
December 21, 2023	7:00 PM	Holiday Party	Location TBD

LexSki Events

October 13-15, 2023	Weekend	Family Hiking Weekend	LexSki Lodge
October 21-23, 2023	Weekend	Large Group	LexSki Lodge
November 3-5, 2023	Weekend	Work Weekend - Jahnes	LexSki Lodge
November 17-19, 2023	Weekend	Work Weekend - Cotran	LexSki Lodge
November 22-25, 2023	Thanksgiving	Large Group-Butler	LexSki Lodge

President's Report (president@lexski.org)

Greetings! Fall is upon us, and worker bees have been diligently putting the club have been slowly putting the club back together. I know it has been disruptive but once you see the finished family room (including some new furniture and carpeting yay!) you will acknowledge that the finished product was well worth the effort. From my perspective it has been also rewarding to see not only long-time members going above and beyond the call of duty but to see new members eagerly lending a hand with the knowledge that this is their club as well and they are helping lay the groundwork for enjoyment for years to come. Big hand to Dan and Kristen for overseeing this project.

I hope to see many of you this weekend at the Fall Hike. If you cannot make it be sure to come to Oktober Fest. The first round is on me!

Eric Pearlman President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report (lodgechair@lexski.org)

We are preparing the Lodge for a fantastic season. There will be two more work weekends:

- November 4-5, hosted by the Jahnes Family
- November 18-19, hosted by the Cotran Family

Work continues in the bathrooms of Room 2 and 3. All other rooms are now fully operational. The living room project continues. All electrical, plumbing, woodwork, and insulation is complete. Next is trim and wall painting, the ceiling, finishing touches, and a new rug. The living room is operational during the project.

We will be testing the heating system during the hiking weekend. With the changes to the living room, the building might act differently during the heating season. This is expected, and we will adjust the heating system over the winter to "even" out the heat through the building.

As the Lodge gets busier, I am sure members will find items that must be looked at. If something is a quick fix, please attempt a fix. Please let us know if it is outside your comfort zone or long-term, and we will happily add it to the list.

Thank you to the Curtin and Gelfand/Nichols Family for hosting the last two Work Weekends. The list of accomplishments was impressive.

Dan and Kristen LodgeChair@LexSki.org

Social Report (Social@lexski.org)

The LexSki Oktoberfest event is scheduled for **Tuesday October 17, 7:30pm- 9:30 pm** at the First Parish Church in Lexington (7 Harrington Rd, Lexington). This will also include our first member meeting of the season, so we hope to see you all there!

The club will provide beer, wine, and soft drinks, along with some light snacks. See you there!

Mike Sciarretta (social@lexski.org)

Membership Report (membership@lexski.org)

Currently there are 45 member families.

Following is a list of 8 prospective families:

- **The Swartz family:** Rebekah and Mark live in Lexington and have 3 children: Rae (5), Hannah (3) and Noah (2). Sponsors: Cotran
- **The Albuquerque/Raduan family:** Fernanda and Fernando live in Lexington and have two children: Maria Clara(11) and Matheus(9). Sponsors: Hardman, Martin
- **The Dennis family** (friend of Jahnes family): Katherine and Josh live in Lexington and have 2 children: Thomas (5) and Miles (2) . Sponsors: Jahnes, Gardner
- **The Puscasu/Nottleson family** (Winchester Town Day/friend of Jennifer Nichols): Erik and Irina live in Winchester and have 2 children: Rosalia (15) and Louisa (11). Sponsors: Gelfand-Nichols, Ehrbar
- **The Palazzolo/Hooli family** (Lexington Discovery Day/friend of Jahnes family): Isa and Raj live in Lexington and have 2 children: Viren (8) and Ari (6).
- **The Canham family** (friend of Jahnes family): Steve and Laura live in Lexington and have 2 children: Julian (7) and Emily(4).
- **The Demuro/Cantoni family** (Winchester posting/neighbor of Ehrbar): Adalberto and Laura live in Winchester and have 3 children: Giacomo (23), Gabriele (21), and Giorgio(16)
- **The Launer family** (Arlington posting): Josh and Oksana live in Arlington and have 3 children: Maya (12), JJ (11) and Claudia (7).

Special thanks to the Jahnes family for sharing the club with their friends – 3 of the prospective families are connected!

Also, **we need sponsors!** As you can see, we have 4 recent additional families pursuing membership since the last communication. Please reach out to volunteer as a sponsor. Note: Remember you need to be a member for a year before you can sponsor.

This fall the Membership Committee did a major push via physical posters and electronic postings promoting the club. For example, posters are up at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, Waltham and Woburn YMCA, Ski Shops etc. Electronically we posted to town and parenting related Facebook boards such as Arlington Parents, LexFun and Winchester Residents. Many thanks to those of you who helped post including *Marc G, Christian E, Owen C, Sandy J, Brian M, Jennifer N* and *Jerold G*. So far, we have received 28 inquiries in response to the postings and a few pursuing membership! Next, we will concentrate on spreading the word in Waltham, Woburn, Burlington, Concord, and Lincoln. If you live in these towns and have suggestions as to where we might reach prospectives, please reach out. Thank you.

Caren Connell membership@lexski.org

Treasurer & Communications Report (treasurer@lexski.org)

As of 10/1/23:

TD Operating Checking	\$	5,265.98
TD Operating Money Mkt	\$	68,750.00
Cap Improvement Fund Money Mkt:	\$	98,434.02
Cap Improvement Donations Money Mkt:	\$	2,983.00
Emergency Fund Money Mkt:	\$	43,500.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$	218,933.00

I have recently decided to pass the torch for the Treasurer position to Chris White, and I will be transitioning to the Communications position on the E-board over the next few months. I'm excited that Chris has offered to take on the Treasurer role, and I have confidence he will be a great at keeping the club finances in order. Please bear with us as this transition is underway.

Club dues for all families have now been collected which resulted in several family membership changes: The Tamir-Pinsky and M. Fox families have gone inactive as of July 1st, and the Doctoroff family will be going inactive as of January 1st, when they relocate out of state. The Turner-Rossi and Eckford families have resigned. We wish all these families well, and they will be missed.

The club's finances remain strong. At the May budget meeting, we had anticipated we would collect \$89,960 in membership dues. Actual dues receipts totaled \$84,356 for a shortfall of \$5,604. I am hopeful that our membership pipeline will continue to grow, and this manageable deficit will be offset by new members who join this season.

As previously announced, Alden ended service as our cook at the end of last season. We were fortunate to have Alden for as long as we did, and he will be missed! We have recently posted the cook's position online and have had an encouraging response. We hope to have a new cook in place before the ski season begins and will be keeping the membership updated about this important role.

The E-Board recently decided to eliminate the landline telephone at the club, as it is rarely used, is no longer necessary to monitor club emergency equipment, and has become increasingly expensive. Soon the landline phone will be removed from the living room, and there will no longer be a working landline telephone in the building. **In the event of a fire, police, or other emergency, please use a cell phone to dial 911, or if you have no access to a phone, pull any fire alarm in the building, which will result in an immediate notification to the Woodstock Fire Department, who will be dispatched to respond.**

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

Kevin Baker (treasurer@lexski.org)

Secretary Report

No Secretary news to report this month.

Cindy Darcy (secretary@lexski.org)