

The Yodeler

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April 2020

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LexSki Membership Meetings

Meetings of the membership are held on the third 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.

Host families are responsible for bringing a snack and for set-up before and clean-up after 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.

March 17, 2020, 7:30-9:00: Meeting CANCELLED

April 21, 2020, 7:00-9:00 Meeting VIRTUAL

May 19, 2020, 7:30-9:00: Meeting VIRTUAL

President's Report

Spring has finally arrived, and another ski season is in the books. This season ended suddenly, like last year, but I'm sure we all would prefer a simple construction project over the current crisis. The lodge remains closed to all members until at least May 4.

I would still like to thank Kevin Martin, Sue Gardner, and Marcia Fox for handling all the food and kitchen supply ordering this past season and to Alden for taking on more responsibility with the menu planning and upkeep of the lodge.

As you may have guessed the April wine tasting has been cancelled and replaced by a Zoom membership meeting. The ski club has purchased an account so that we can safely conduct club business. Next year's budget and other matters will be discussed at the April membership meeting. We also have much to discuss in terms of work weekends and other financial issues related to the corona virus pandemic. We welcome everyone's insights and possible solutions.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

President

Lodge Report

Given the current situation with Coronavirus, the lodge is closed until further notice. This means that we are suspending work weekends or the planning of any other refurbishment until further notice. The work that is already scheduled, like the roof and the sprinkler replacement will still occur if the local contractors are able to work.

Peter Hardman

Lodge Chair/Vice President

Treasurer's Report:

(As of 4/15/2020):

TD Bank

Money Mkt	\$ 45,437.67	
Emergency Fund MM	\$ 43,500.00	Approx. 6 months op expenses
Capital Improvement Fund MM	\$ 21,836.67	
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 970.00	
Checking	\$ 5,848.46	
<u>BNE Escrow Funds</u>	<u>\$ 32,209.41</u>	
Total:	\$ 149,802.21	

First, I would like to thank the Membership for your incredibly generous response to help raise funds for a worthy cause recently. The donation response was incredible, and it exceeded the initial goal by more than threefold. A truly outstanding response that should make the Membership very proud!

As one might expect the current situation has brought some uncertainty to the club's budget. As a result, we have been exploring whether there are CARES Act stimulus programs may be beneficial for the club to consider. I will report back to the E-Board and Membership on this as more information becomes available. I also expect that our budget process will be very difficult to project this year, as there will be many variables that may be hard to anticipate. Despite these hardships, I expect the club will be able to emerge from this situation as strong as ever.

Thank you to the members who have volunteered to be on the Finance Committee. We have more members than required, and I have been busy preparing some documents for the Committee to consider. This process will begin soon, and I expect that the Committee will have a budget proposal in place for the May membership meeting.

The club has transitioned to the off-season by cutting back on some services that aren't used as much during slower months. This includes eliminating YoutubeTV, reducing our internet speed, and reducing our trash and recycling services. These changes are meant to better utilize our financial resources when club usage is lower. One notable change since last month's Yodeler was published is that after further negotiations with our trash vendor, Waste Management, we will be keeping a recycling dumpster for the off-season after all, but with on-demand service. Whenever the trash or recycling dumpsters need attention, members should send a quick email to emptythetrash@lexski.org indicating which dumpster need service.

I hope everyone remains healthy, safe, and employed. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Kevin Baker
Treasurer
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Social Report:

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated as the last event for the ski season in March. Green shirts, decorations and Irish music were worn and played into the wee hours!

Upcoming events including Wine Tasting and Family BBQ as a group gathering are postponed for the foreseeable future.

If you have ideas for virtual gatherings please pass them on and I will try to arrange.

Eric Pearlman
Social Chair

Membership Report

Filipi/Acosta Family New Members

The Filipi/Acosta family have completed all the requirements for full membership of the Lexington Ski Club. We look forward to seeing Ramona, Pablo, Nico, and Ceci at the Club. They are hikers and bikers and last year joined us for the Gran Fondo 2019.

As we close out the ski season, we have two additional families in the final stages of membership with only the Membership and Executive meetings remaining. We are hopeful that they will be ready for full membership by the July period.

Lorelle and Les Yee, Membership Co-Chairs

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Communication Report

As we update the website, there may be things that look broken, please let me know if there is anything that you can't find. If you haven't already joined our Facebook page please reach out. This is a closed Facebook page.

Only a few families have sent me their family photos, please send me a great photo of your family to include in our directory, it does not have to be a ski photo, but it does need to show everyone's face. We'd like to have this be available to the members by the beginning of the ski season.

Kristen Butler
Communication