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LexSki Membership Meetings

Meetings of the membership are held on the 3rd 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.

The first family listed is responsible for bringing the bins and for reminding the other families listed of their host and hostess duties. Host families are responsible for set-up before and clean-up after each meeting. The supply bins are passed along to hosts at 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.

May 15, 2018: **Ehrbar**, Fahy, Fox

June 8, 2018, 6:00: Family Picnic, 11 Saddle Club Road: **Freeberg**, Gardner, Garrigus

President's Report

Spring has finally arrived, and another ski season is in the books. It was a great year, with a strong March and April. Thank you to 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. From all accounts, he did a fantastic job. I want to thank Joe Scholl for all his dedicated hard work as Membership Chair this past year. He has done an excellent job as we have a nice lineup of prospective members but let's not get complacent . . . we always need more!

The second year of the April wine tasting on a Friday night was a great success! It was an excellent collection of wines and cheeses, and Paul and Ann were fine hosts!

Next year's budget will be presented at the May membership meeting. I urge all members to attend this important meeting and vote to approve the budget.

As everyone starts to think about cleaning up their yards, gardening, and driving their athletes to all of the spring sports, don't forget about the work weekends. Peter Hardman has the schedule up on the website already!

The spring work weekends are typically small and a great time to fulfill your obligation.

See everyone in May!

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Treasurer's Report

As of April 4:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,470
Operating MM:	\$34,546
Savings account:	\$72,516
Checking account:	\$5,335
Total	\$77,851

It appears as if the ski season has unfortunately ended once again. For the treasurer, that means little more revenue will be raised until membership dues in the early fall, but we have a healthy balance to get us there and still have a surplus. We have about \$8,300 more in the bank than at the same time last year. Another way to present this is that, against an expense budget of more than \$89,600, we have an unspent balance of about \$29,000 to last the next three months until the fiscal year ends at the end of June.

A couple of members have volunteered to be on the Finance Committee. All of them volunteered last year as well. It would be nice to have a few more people to round out this committee. My plan is to do this as we did last year and handle it all via e-mail unless we feel we need a meeting. The amount of time spent would be a couple of hours. If you have any questions, please ask Marc Garrigus, Cindy Darcy, Rita McCarthy, or me. I just finished the March books, so I will be sending out a proposed budget in the next week to the committee.

Dan Connell
Lexington Ski Club Treasurer
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Lodge Report

Skiing is over, so now it's time to think about the upkeep of the ski club facilities. As usual, we are planning work weekends in May, June, July, September, October, and November.

The following dates and hosts are on the calendar.

May 12-13 Yasaitis.
June: No date yet. Still looking for hosts.
July 21-22 Butler
September No date yet. Still looking for hosts.
October 13-14 Yee
November 17-18 Fahy

For large groups, we have the LexSki Gran Fondo on July 14-15, hosted by Lou Savarino, and a large group for Dan Butler on August 17-19.

Please check the website for other large groups, and if you are planning on organizing one, let me know as far in advance as possible so we can get it on the calendar.

Membership Report

I am pleased to announce that the eboard has voted to offer membership to Alix and Ian Fox and family. We have nine families in various stages of prospective membership.

At the eboard meeting in April, we discussed sponsoring a table at Lexington Discovery Day on May 26. I will be recruiting volunteers to help me staff the table. Also, if any of you have spiffy photos of the club, please forward them to me.

Lastly, the eboard discussed a possible change in the by-laws that would allow the eboard to use its discretion in allowing families from towns other than the normal towns to apply for membership. Many of us know families who would be a great fit for the club who live in other towns. We will discuss this at the May membership meeting.

Despite having a surge in prospective members, our total membership numbers will remain far below the 55 maximum allowed in the by-laws, especially if we lose a few more members this year.

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair

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Social Report

Two events are coming up.

Family Picnic

Friday, June 8 (rain date June 15), 6:00 (set up 5:15)

Where: Home of Ann and Gant Redmon

Gran Fondo (long distance bike ride)

July 13-15

Where: Ski Club

Held last year at the ski club, the Gran Fondo was a great success. In addition to a long ride (80 miles), a shorter ride (30 miles) will be planned this year, along with a hike. In the evening, we'll have a BBQ, and a golf outing will be planned for Sunday. For more information about the bike ride portion of the weekend, contact Lou Savarino: lsavarino001@gmail.com or see www.lexskigranfondo.wordpress.com

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