



The Yodeler

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April 2022

Executive Board

President: *Eric Pearlman* president@lexski.org

Vice President & Lodge Chair:

Dan and Kristen Butler lodgechair@lexski.org

Secretary: *Cindy Darcy* secretary@lexski.org

Treasurer: *Kevin Baker* treasurer@lexski.org

Membership: *Marc Garrigus* membership@lexski.org

Activities: *Mike Sciarretta* social@lexski.org

Communications: *Marsha Fox* info@lexski.org

LexSki Membership Meetings

April 29th, 2022

Wine Tasting and General Meeting – Belmont Hill School

May 17th, 2022

Budget Meeting – TBA

LexSki Events

April 22-24, 2022

Work Weekend

May 6-8, 2022

Work Weekend

July 15-17, 2022

Gran Fondo

President's Report (President@lexski.org)

While Spring crept up on us quickly the mountains near us continued to provide good skiing through this week. Overall, I feel the ski season exceeded everyone's expectations.

Now that the election is over, and no one is demanding a recount I want to thank everyone for having the confidence in me as President. I welcome Marsha Fox, Mike Sciarretta and Dan Butler in joining the E-Board.

We have weathered a pandemic and completed a lot of necessary repairs and updates in the last two years. After our first E-board meeting this week, I am confident that we will continue to complete necessary updates to allow the Lexington Ski Club to continue for another 60 years! There will be multiple work weekends this year with key tasks to be accomplished and we will be asking for your very best.

As we return to normal, we will be bringing back events such as the Wine Tasting and Family Picnic (BBQ) at their normal time.

Enjoy the Spring and Stay Safe!

Eric Pearlman

President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report (LodgeChair@lexski.org)

2022-04 Lodge Report

We are excited to continue the great work that has been accomplished over the past few years.

There is a lot of work to do this year to continue to make the building more efficient and updated. Gutting the dining room, replacing over 30 windows and 10 doors, possibly gutting the bathrooms in Room 2 and Room 3, re-siding the back of the building, replacing the lighting and ceiling tiles in the living room.

While members are required to do at least one work weekend a year, the board has decided to continue to allow members to buy out of their work weekend at \$250 per adult. Decisions on this buy out must be made to lodgechair@lexski.org. All proceeds go to the capital fund for the building.

The first work weekend of the year will be the weekend of April 22nd through the 24th. Primary work on this weekend is gutting the dining room. Please email the lodgechair@lexski.org if you are planning to attend this weekend. No experience is necessary, there will be guidance provided.

We are looking for people to run the other work weekends. If you are interested, please let us know which weekend in the month works for you.

May 6th through 8th – Prepping the dining room for the electrician, removing of ceiling tiles in living room and the men’s bathroom. Possibly gutting the bathrooms in Rooms 2 and 3.

June TBA – Replacing windows and doors

July TBA – Continuation of replacing windows and doors.

August TBA

September TBA

October TBA

November TBA

Large Groups for the Summer

Gran Fondo Weekend – July 15th – 17th

Garrigus Large Group – August 5th – 7th

Butler Large Group – August 19th – 21st

Highland Games Weekend – September 15th – 18th

Dan and Kristen

Lodge Chairs

LodgeChair@LexSki.org

Social Report (Social@lexski.org)

I'm excited to announce our 2022 wine tasting will take place on Friday April 29th @ 6:30pm at Belmont Hill! We will have a great selection of reds and whites, some cheese pairings and an all around great time!

We encourage all members and any prospective members to attend, so if you are a sponsor, please send the word out to your prospects.

The exact location at Belmont Hill will be determined very soon, so I will update everyone on building and room location once I have that information. Having said that, let's all thank Dan Butler for helping us with the location!

See you there!

Mike Sciarretta

Social@LexSki.org

Treasurer’s Report (Treasurer@lexski.org)

As of 4/5/22:

TD Operating Checking	\$ 10,626.50
EIDL Checking	\$120,600.00
TD Operating MM	\$ 20,122.20
Cap Improvement Fund MM:	\$ 8,770.00
Cap Improvement Donations:	\$ 2,173.00

Emergency Fund MM: \$ 43,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS: \$205,791.70

The ski season has ended, and it was certainly an unpredictable year. Despite the challenges COVID-19 brought our way, and the reduced occupancy at the beginning of the season, the Club remains financially strong. I expect we will close the year with about \$10K left over after operating expenses that will be transferred to the Capital Improvement fund for ongoing maintenance of the lodge. This is just about what we were expecting when we approved the budget about 10 months ago. Given all the work that took place in the Lodge over the last year this is a great accomplishment.

As many know this was also a very challenging year for meal service at the Club. At the beginning of the season our projected attendance numbers were very low because of the pandemic. We were faced with the possibility of having to discontinue meal service for a second year in a row. The Executive Board weighed our options and concluded that serving hot meals is an important part of our ski club culture and that it was also important to keep Alden working. With this in mind, the Board decided that it was in the membership's best interest to serve hot meals whenever possible. Due to some amazing efforts by Dan Butler our food costs were kept very low, despite significant food inflation. He did this without sacrificing quality and made multiple stops each week to pick up supplies from several vendors. Alden was also very flexible on the rare weekend when we had exceptionally low numbers and had to cancel meals on short notice.

Now that the meal season has come to a close, I'm glad to report that we nearly broke even on meal service, running a net loss of only \$626 for the entire season. By comparison in 2019-2020, the last season before the pandemic, we had an operating loss of over \$2K. I'm hopeful if we return to full capacity next year, meal service will be entirely financially self-sufficient.

On budget matters, the Finance Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to crunch the numbers and come up with a budget that will be presented to the membership at the May meeting. If you volunteered to be on this committee, I will be in touch in the next week or two to work out a time to meet.

We recently made a 50% down payment of about \$6,500 from the Capital Improvement fund for the purchase of 33 new windows for the lodge. In the next few weeks, we hope to be purchasing several new doors from this same account. I would remind members to make sure they forward any payments due for guests or meals on the last day of your visit. Recently many members have forgotten to send payments, and at the end of the month, I have to chase down 5-6 people who have forgotten to submit Venmo payments. This should not be happening, as the Lodge Rules are clear that all payments are due on the last day of your stay. I would really appreciate everyone's compliance on this issue.

Lastly, we still have rapid Antigen test kits available at the sign in desk. If you need a test for any reason, feel free to take one and send a Venmo to cover the \$20 cost of the kit to the treasurer account.

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

Kevin Baker
treasurer@lexski.org

Membership Report (Membership@lexski.org)

First, and foremost, the Lavianos have completed their meeting and club visit requirements! Next steps will be:

- 1) They'll meet with the e-board in early May
- 2) Between the May e-board meeting and the May Membership meeting, members can submit feedback to the membership committee (me).
- 3) Based on that feedback, a decision will be made on the Laviano membership and announced at the May Membership meeting!

In addition, the Caggioni-Negrini family and the Kmetz family visited the club in March, and members enjoyed meeting them!

Prospective Members, here are a couple of reminders:

- **In order for your attendance at a Club Meeting to count towards the requirement, it must be in person.** Zoom attendance does not count (the point of the club meeting attendance being a chance for the membership to meet you in person and get to know you a bit). NOTE: The April Wine Tasting Event will also count as a "meeting". I recommend attendance at this fun event!
- **If you visit the club, please let me know**, so I can get the number of adult members present from the host.

Sponsor families, please remember to be available for any questions your prospective member family may have, and to help them with the reservation process.

There have been a few changes to our prospective members over the past month:

- The Hall family has notified me that they've purchased a condo in Vermont, and are no longer interested in pursuing membership.
- We've received applications and have sponsor families for the following **new** prospective members:
- The Curtin family (being sponsored by Mike Sciarretta, need another family)- The Curtins live in Lexington and have a son, Ronan (age 10) and daughter, Mary (age 8).

We've also had interest from the following families, who I either have, or need to follow up with:

- The Gallagher family, lives in Winchester, I've been in contact by e-mail
- The Allor family, lives in Arlington, I need to reach out
- Schuh family (lives in Reading, unless a current member family knows them, they won't qualify for membership)

Prospective members on hold:

Cole
Cullen
Parchev (no requirements completed)

Completed Process, holding on Activating Membership

Coakley

Pre-Prospective Families (no application submitted, no sponsors)

Davis
Dupill
Eaton (on hold, due to injury)
Qi
Salerno
Whalen

Marc Garrigus
Membership@LexSki.org

Communication Report (Info@lexski.org)

I am excited to take over communications for the club. This is my first Yodeler. I am happy to post additional information from club members. I will be working with Kristen Butler and Lisa Scholl to get the new website up soon - initially as a marketing tool. The plan is to slowly migrate information from the old site into a new easier to access format. Please be patient!

Marsha Fox
Communication
Info@LexSki.org

Secretary Report (Secretary@lexski.org)

Please find the minutes from the March Member meeting below.

Cindy Darcy
(attachment: March minutes)

Lexington Ski Club
Membership meeting minutes
March 15, 2022

31 members in attendance.

Guests: Francesco Caggioni & Alessandra Negrini, James & Karin Laviano, Brian Kmetz, Ben Forman (via Zoom)

Lodge: The compressor on the sprinkler system was running continuously and the pressure was high. Peter Hardman shut it off and will have Rick Crocker look at it.

Membership: Have interest from 3 new families. Will need new sponsors for new prospective members – contact Marc Garrigus if you are willing to be a sponsor.

Treasurer: Received our loan money (\$120,600). Expect to start some projects in the next few months, such as replacing more old doors and windows. We are running a bit of a deficit this year due to inflation, higher oil and gas prices, and increased water rates (up 4 times from old rate). Have suspended oil deliveries; there is enough in the tank to get the lodge through to the fall.

Our insurance company renewed our policy and raised our rate 10 percent.

Kevin Baker needs five volunteers for the Finance Committee to prepare a budget for the coming July 2022-June 2023 year.

When submitting a Venmo payment, please include the date of the stay in the text with the payment; this makes it much easier for Kevin Baker to match payments with the appropriate reservation form.

Communications: Web site is being updated. Working on getting good marketing material up first.

Minutes from the meetings were approved.

Election:

Officer for club were elected.

President: Eric Pearlman

Vice President/Lodge Chair: Dan Butler and Kristen Butler

Treasurer: Kevin Baker

Secretary: Cindy Darcy

Membership: Marc Garrigus

Communications: Marsha Fox

Social: Mike Sciarretta

Minutes: The minutes for the November and January meetings were approved.