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2014/15 LexSki Membership Meeting Calendar

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 coffee, tea, dessert, etc., and also 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.**

May 19, 2015: **Speare/Flynn**, Tamir/Pinsky, Tasker

June 2015, tbd, Picnic: **Stone Co**, Vogel, Willcox

President's Report

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked hard to make this such a great year. It takes a lot of work and cooperation to make things run smoothly. I learned a lot this year, and I especially learned that many people make contributions on a daily basis. Special thanks to our outgoing Ex-Officio John Yasaitis. Enjoy your extra Tuesday night each month!

Everyone had a great time at the wine tasting. The wines and cheeses were wonderful, and we all had fun guessing about the different wines. Thank you Christophe & Johanna Couturier for selecting and supplying the wines and cheeses. Thank you Paul Cotran and Ann Kelly for allowing us to use your home yet again.

Please do your best to make it to the May membership meeting on the 19th. It is an important meeting because we will be discussing and voting on the budget for 2015/16. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lexington Ski Club Budget for 2015/16

Our budget is the plan for future spending and revenue and was put together by the Budget committee, consisting of Peter Forte, Jim Osten, Tom McCarthy, Bill Sciarretta, and Jeff Moore. One recommended change to our past spending includes elimination of the printing of the membership packet.

Operating costs will increase with services for the periodic inspection and maintenance of the fire safety system, sprinkler, and furnace. Also, we have hired a service company to monitor our fire alarm system. After several years of unanticipated expenses related to the furnace outages, hot water controls, mandated regulatory requirements, shoveling snow off the roof, ordering extra firewood, and lodge upkeep, the committee recommends that a contingency fund be added to the Lodge Committee budget line. Inflation has been kind to us in the past year, with some prices decreasing. A small adjustment is made for inflation.

On the capital side, we still owe more than \$54,000 on the furnace loan and need to accrue funds for eventual roof replacement and possible sprinkler system refurbishment.

Considering all of the expenditure items requires a revenue increase that will be met in part by adding new members and in part by increasing prepayments. The resulting budget numbers presented in this edition of the Yodeler will be discussed and voted on at the May 19 Membership meeting.

Have a great summer!

Thanks! John Marquis

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Lodge Report

We hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather once again. Now we look ahead at work weekends for this coming season. We have a full list of projects to accomplish.

Work weekend dates are as follows:

May 30 & 31, to be run by Charlie & Joanne Levin.

June 20 & 21, to be run by John & Shari Marquis

July 11 & 12, to be run by John Pinsky & Irit Tamir

September 26 & 27, to be run by Joe & Lisa Scholl

October 17 & 18, leader T.B.D.

November 14 & 15, leader T.B.D.

We are still looking for leaders to run a work weekend. If you are interested please call or e-mail us.

We have already started receiving requests for large groups. If you would like to have a large group up, please send us a e-mail and let us know the dates and number of people you will be having. Remember that no large groups will be allowed during work weekends or holidays unless given approval by the E-Board.

Large Groups

Garrigus: July 3-5 (17+/-)

Chan: July 24-26

If you plan to use the ski club during the off season, please remember to send a reservation form or call the host for that weekend. If you go up and the host is not there, you need to send your reservation form to Peter Forte.

As of a reminder again, the heat will be shut off the last week in May. Once it is off, it is off until the fall and cannot be switch back on. It is a long slow process to restart without causing damage to the new boiler. If you find you need heat, please use the fireplace; just be sure the damper is open before you light the fire.

Hope everyone has a great spring.

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Membership Report

We would like to welcome another new prospective member family. Sam and Irene Gravina live at 19 Masardis St. Bedford, MA 01730 and are sponsored by the Mahoney and C. Levin families.

The following families are continuing through the prospective member process.

Somers/Fu, sponsored by Scholl and Freeberg

Bers/Dupee, sponsored by Yasaitis and Osten

Mendes/Sheldon, sponsored by Couturier and Hardman

Morse/Smith, sponsored by Chan and Moore

Foley, sponsored by Pinsky and J. Stone

Alaimo/Savarino, sponsored by Turner/Rossi and Sebell

Ehrbar, sponsored by Martin and Cotran

See everyone at the picnic, if not before.

Cathy Fahy and The Membership Committee

Social Report

The wine and cheese tasting was great fun, and we so enjoyed the delicious cheese, bread, and wine. Thanks to Christophe Couturier, our own French oenophile, for selecting the fine wines and discussing their merits with us. Johanna Couturier does an amazing job selecting beautiful cheese to accompany the specific wines. Thanks also to Paul Cotran and Anne Kelly for opening the doors of their lovely home again for this event.

Our next social event is the Annual Ski Club Picnic, held in early June. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 9, 6-8 p.m. Our rain date will be the following Tuesday, June 16, 6-8 p.m. We're still looking for someone to host. Kids are welcome to this event, and leftover wine

will be available for further tasting. We will send out an official invitation in mid-May in a separate email. We need two grills for this event to cook all our meats in a timely manner. Please contact Amelia if you are able to provide a grill for this.

In the future, for our monthly ski club meetings, we will have our usual sweets, desserts, coffee, and tea, but we will not be brewing the large percolator coffee because it is time-intensive, costly, and wasteful. We will be using one urn for hot water and offering Starbucks instant coffee and decaf coffee as well as an assortment of teas.

Enjoy the spring

Amelia Turner & Johanna Couturier, Social co-chairs

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2015

TD BankNorth Accounts:

Checking: \$ 5,611

Savings: \$ 34,367

Total \$ 39,978