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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.

December 19, 2017, Holiday Party: **Baker**, Brewer, Butler

January 16, 2018: **Chan**, Colburn, Colby

March 20, 2018: **Connell**, Cotran/Kelly, Couturier

President's Report

If the early ski conditions are any indication of the season ahead (Cannon just got 8 inches of snow!), we are in for a great year.

Everyone should have their new packets by now. A tremendous amount of time went into putting them together. I would like to thank Cindy Darcy for all her hard work in assembling them. Please take the time to review the rules of the lodge and the host responsibilities.

The lodge chair tells us that the lodge is in good shape and ready for the ski season. Thank you to everyone for their hard work at this past off-season's work weekends. Alden is set to start cooking. He already has the vacation week menu planned. First meal will be Wednesday dinner, December 27, at this point. If any member has any problem with a meal, please do not go to Alden, go to the host or e-mail Kevin Martin, Marsha Fox, or Sue Gardner.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Social Report

Next week is our annual December Holiday Party. We hope you can join!

Tuesday, December 19, 6-8 pm (hosts set up at 5:30 pm)

Wine & beer provided. Dinner is potluck. (NO NUTS)

Potluck Dishes A to Z by last name:

Appetizer: Baker through Ehrbar (A-E)

Entree: Fahy through McCarthy (F-McC)

Dessert: McVeigh through Yee (McV-Z)

**** Secretly, wrap a gift for any children attending. LABEL WITH CHILD'S Name. Sneak into kitchen to drop.

We hear Santa may visit!

Hosts for the upcoming meeting are Vogel - lead hosts, White and Yasaitis. Hosts are responsible for bringing host & holiday bins, set up and clean-up.

We welcome additional volunteers to help decorate! Email me personally if you are available.

We will also have "A Minute to Win It" games (in lieu of a craft). We hope all adults participate as there will be a Leader Board and prizes for children and adults.

Lastly, we encourage you to invite any prospective members. It's a good opportunity for individuals to get a feel for our group. Let us know if they are coming to welcome them!

Merry Merry

Your Social Directors & Team

Lodge Report

All the work weekends are done; thanks to everyone for pitching in. The mountains are open, and the skiing at Cannon is the best it has been this early in the year, with runs from top to bottom and more opening every week. The lodge is ready for the winter, and the heat is working, along with both water heaters ready to go. The thermostat in the boot room seems to be reading incorrectly, so use the additional thermometer to monitor the temperature (max 65F please). Also, we need to keep the furnace purged to remove the rust from the water, and I would like some volunteers to help do this midweek or on weekends when I am not there. (Remind me at the lodge so I can show you what to do.)

We have decided to postpone changing the lock on the front door until the first work weekend of next year, so as not to disrupt the ski season, so unless the situation changes, the existing code will stay for now.

Looking forward to a great ski season, and seeing you all at the mountain or in the lodge this winter.

Peter

Membership Report

Winter is upon us! We have three prospective families: Greg and Neide Hall, sponsored by Kate and Kevin Colburn; Ian and Alix Fox, sponsored by Cindy and Jeff Darcy; and Sara and Matthew Serreze sponsored by Amelia Turner and John Rossi. We are still in need of more prospective members. The marketing we have been doing has not produced the numbers I was hoping for. Please suggest the club to friends who you think would make good members and be in touch with me if you have any marketing ideas. Thanks.

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair

Treasurer's Report

Although the total income the club has brought in this fiscal year is about \$14,000 less than last year because of members resigning or going inactive, the club's cash assets are about \$10,000 more than this time last year. In addition, because we have had more guests this fall and some expense reductions, net income is only down about \$9,500 from this time last year. The replacement reserve sub-account shows that we have about four months of operational expenses available. Spread out over the entire year, the club spends about \$6,350 per month.

If you have submitted a reimbursement form, I make an effort to get the check to you within about a week. Once you receive the check, I ask that you please deposit it in a timely manner, which makes balancing the books easier. As I mentioned a couple of months ago, if you have a reimbursable expense, use the reimbursement form on the website, get Peter Hardman (or the WW host if the expense was during a WW) to sign the form, and send it along with all receipts to me. If you have any questions, just let me know.

As of December 5:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,470
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$34,522</u>
Savings account:	\$72,492
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$23,709</u>
Total	\$96,201

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Dan Connell
Lexington Ski Club Treasurer
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