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of the
Lexington
Ski Club

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LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

November 19, 2024 7:30 PM

November Business Mtg

Belmont Hill School, Chapel Basement

December 17, 2024 6:00 PM

Holiday Party

Belmont Hill School, Wadsworth Room

LEXSKI EVENTS

November 15, 2024

LexSki @ the Movies

Ticket required. Note the NEW DATE!

January 25, 2025

Burns Night at the Lodge

February 8th-9th, 2025

Women's Cross-Country Weekend

February 15th-23rd, 2025

February School Vacation at the Lodge

March 15, 2025

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration at the Lodge

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

With the work weekends behind us, it is exciting to gear up for the winter season. Thank you to those who ran work weekends to keep the Club in shape and more weather tight than ever before!

The mountains are all beginning to blow snow in preparation for opening day, may mother nature be as enthusiastic about skiing as we are! Mountains in the area may be opening as early as THIS Friday!

There is plenty of space for lockers/shelving in the attic for members who choose to leave their gear at the Club. Please reach out if you have questions about space to use. Please remember no food should ever be stored anywhere besides the bins in the bar cabinets, and food should never be in your room or in the attic.

Look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting.

Kristen Butler (President@LexSki.org)

PRESIDENT



LODGE REPORT

The last work weekend of the season was completed with hosts Jerold Gelfand and Jennifer Nichols leading the charge. The usual end of season deep cleaning was completed and work continued to finish off the significant upper back porch upgrades. We expect the comfort level in all the rooms at the back of the building will be improved and the benefits will hopefully extend to other rooms. Work on the bar refresh was completed and I am looking forward to christening the refreshed bar area. It wasn't a complete upgrade, but a brighter cleaner looking space will be nice share après ski or on any evening.

Other important upgrades include electrical work that has, or will shortly, result in the club having all upgraded electrical panels to go with the extensive electrical upgrades that came with the living room, dining room and kitchen overhauls in recent years' projects. This progress is in great measure to the hard work of our electrician, Dan Cowan.

Finally, Kevin Baker is continuing to move the EV charger project along with exciting progress to permanently place the chargers on metal stands in the area to the left of the new power pole. Initially there will be two chargers and 4 parking spaces (with maybe room for 5 cars). There will also be a light post installed with a camera to monitor our charging area. This should all be complete and ready in the coming weeks in time for the ski season.

Huge thanks to all the work weekend hosts and everyone who pitched in and made the work weekends productive and fun. Hopefully, I have been able to provide good guidance on the work to done. I've been trying hard to keep the crews busy and effective, working together to maintain and improve our cozy Winter (and Spring, Summer and Fall) getaway.

A few folks were unable to complete their 2-day work weekend requirement. That's okay. We also had a few requests this work weekend season for alternative work assignments outside the scheduled weekends. We generally do not do this, but on occasion we have some tasks that can be or need to be completed on other dates, like carpet cleaning. Ultimately, we had the help we needed when we needed to move things along and the buyout payments from a few members will go to good use. Look for invoices for the buyout charges coming soon from the Treasurer, Chris White.

As a reminder, please keep in mind that space heaters are not allowed in the lodge!

Think snow (and cold).

Christian Ehrbar (lodgechair@lexski.org)

LODGE CHAIR

SOCIAL REPORT

The LexSki Hiking Weekend and Music Fest was a grand success!! The weather couldn't have been more perfect, and the addition of music to the weekend was wonderful! Hopefully, a new tradition! Ian and Malcolm Fox did the Franconia Ridge hike (spikes helpful due to snow earlier in the week). 14 people did a 7-mile loop hike of Webster and Jackson (or at least part of it!), including Eric Pearlman who bagged his first four thousand footer! No spikes necessary on that hike, though snow was seen. Lastly, Jennifer and Jerold led a 5-mile hike to Bridal Veil Falls for their music friends. A potluck dinner, music and comradery rounded out the evening. My personal highlight was breakfast the next morning which included apple pie, pumpkin soup and mac n' cheese left over from the pot luck the night before. Yummy!

December Holiday Meeting! Dec 9th (Wadsworth Room, Belmont Hill)- This meeting is one to bring the kids to! Hopefully Ganta Claus (a message has been sent by reindeer to the North Pole to see if he's available) will make an appearance and distribute gifts (provided and wrapped by the children's parents) to the kids.

This one is a potluck, so members will be asked to bring apps or treats to share (I'll send out a sign-up link to membership as it gets closer).

60th Anniversary Party- Betsy Stanford and Sue Gardner have volunteered to help with the 60th Anniversary Celebration! Details to come. **If you're interested in making the dream a reality, please reach out to me, Betsy, or Sue.**

Theme Weekends - I'm planning some Theme Weekends for the club this upcoming season. On the calendar so far are:

Jan 25th- Burns Night- A celebration of Scotch poet Robert Burns. Kilts and Scotch

Feb 8th/9th- Women's X-Country weekend

Feb 15-Feb 23- School Vacation- Sometimes have a Pizza party, but may be a different weekend.

March 15/16- St. Patrick's Day

If you have any suggestions (Hawaiian/Tropical, 80's, Viking?), particularly if you're the host for a weekend, let me know. Thank you to Sarah Hvass Kmetz for volunteering to help me organize the theme weekends!

Local Events- Nothing currently, if you're interested in planning an event, or helping generally, please let me know!

Marc Garrigus (social@lexski.org)

SOCIAL CHAIR

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The website continues to be updated with new photos and features:

- The new 2024-2025 Season Reservation form is now available online in the Members Area. Please discontinue using last year's 2023-2024 reservation form, and use only the new 2024-2025 form, which is color coded with the year highlighted in **Green**.
- Recent work weekend photos that were submitted have been uploaded to the Members Only area.
- Our Utility Monitoring plugin is now functional. A unique link and password is in the Members Only area, and if you look around, you will see that we are now remotely able to monitor many internal systems at the club remotely on the website. This includes 15 separate temperature monitors around the building, real time oil usage and tank level, security cameras, and soon real-time water and electricity use. Thanks to Peter Hardman for his continued work on this ongoing project.
- There is now a 36-month archive of LexSki membership emails available in the Members area. If you're a new member, you may find reviewing the email archive to be helpful.

One area that I hope to improve soon is our online Repair/Problem log. It appears that when new repair entries are being made, they are not getting added to the online spreadsheet. I hope to have a fix for this issue soon.

Family Photo Page

32 families have provided a family photo to be added to the private Members Area [Family Photo Directory](#) so far. We're aiming for 100% participation. With a record number of new member families joining the Club recently, this photo directory is very helpful to our members, both new and old. If you haven't submitted a family photo, please do so using this easy link: <https://tinyurl.com/3akaukw>

Kevin Baker (info@lexski.org)

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 49 active member families, 2 derivative members, and 3 alumni member families. Two prospective families have completed their monthly meeting, lodge visits, referral letters and are scheduled to come to meet the EBoard:

- November: Eisenman family
- December: Dennis family

We are actively promoting the club, as fall is the prime time when many families begin planning for the winter season. If you're part of any parenting or winter sports-related Facebook groups where others may be interested in the club, please reach out and we'll provide the content for you to post. The esteemed recruiting firm, Jhanes & Jhanes, continues to be a key partner in our outreach efforts and we sincerely appreciate their support!

The following are the current prospective member families:

- **Cantoni family** (Winchester): Adalberto, Laura, Giacomo (24), Gabriele (22), Giorgio (17); Sponsors: Chan, Fox
- **Launer family** (Arlington): Joshua, Oksana, Maya (13), JJ (12), Claudia (8); Sponsors: Curtin, O'Donnell
- **Sayre family** (Lexington): Emily, Bob, Henry (15), William (12); Sponsors: Nichols-Gelfand
- **Wang family** (Lexington): Guan, Tong, Lucas (7), Adrian (1); Sponsors: Darcy
- **Congoran family** (Lexington): Tom, Adela (9), Isla (7), Lily (4); Sponsors: Kmetz
- **Dennis family** (Lexington): Joshua, Katherine, Thomas (6), Miles (3); Sponsors: Jhanes, Gardner
- **Eisenman family*** (Lexington): Keith, Jennifer, Zoey (7), Emilia (4); Sponsors: Hilton, Pearlman

Many thanks to the members who have reached out about sponsoring! We're hoping to secure a couple more prospects, as not everyone will complete the process and join. It's fantastic to have a few sponsors already lined up.

Lost & Found

At the November monthly meeting, we'll have a Lost & Found table where members can reclaim any items left behind at the lodge. If you're unable to attend, please contact membership@lexski.org to arrange a pickup in Arlington.

Caren Connell membership@lexski.org

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

TREASURER REPORT

The Club remains in a strong financial position as we enter the ski season. We were able to make additions to the capital improvement fund as the result of the above average number of new members, as well as residual funds that remained at the close of the fiscal year (June 30). I anticipate we will complete our large expenses once we receive our final invoice from the electrician.

While only November, it's tax season in the Treasurer's office. I've been working closely with our accountant finalizing this year's filing, and I'm happy to report that the taxes were just filed with the IRS earlier this week.

The search for a new cook continues. I've screened several applicants, with one having met with both Kevin and Eric at the most recent work weekend. There are several additional applicants I will connect with over the coming week, with the goal of having hired someone prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Kevin and I will be spending time with the online website store prior to December. We hope to have ordering available for everyone to secure their highly coveted LexSki gear for the holiday season.

Below are the balances of club accounts as of November 10, 2024:

Bank Accounts	
TDBank Checking	5,257.67
TDBank Savings	
Operating MM	74,909.91
Capital Improvements (>\$10k)	68,674.56
Capital Improvements Donations	2,403.00
Emergency Fund (>\$35k)	<u>43,500.00</u>
Total TDBank Savings	<u>\$189,487.47</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$194,745.14

Chris White (treasurer@lexski.org)

TREASURER

SECRETARY REPORT

I will bring food bins to the meeting for the recently joined families that have not received them, yet. These are for storing all your (non-refrigerated) food at the lodge in the cabinets in the bar. Please make sure to have someone attend the meeting to pick up your bin. A reminder to everyone: all food should be stored in bins, not grocery bags or out loose. There are extra bins for guests and anyone who forgot to bring their bin. This is important for not having any bits of food that could attract mice.

At the November membership meeting, we will be drawing names to make up this year's Nominating Committee. Anyone who has been a member for at least a year, and is not on the E-board or the spouse of an E-board member is eligible to be on the committee. The seven-person committee is responsible for meeting and nominating candidates for election. The committee announces the nominations at the January membership meeting. The election is at the March membership meeting.

Cindy Darcy (secretary@lexski.org)

SECRETARY