

The Yodeler

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January 2019

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Treasurer: *Dan Connell*

LexSki Membership Meetings

Meetings of the membership are held on the third 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.

Host families are responsible for bringing a snack and for set-up before and clean-up after 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.

January 15, 2018: McVeigh, Raiche, Redmon

March 19, 2019: Savarino/Alaimo, Scholl, Sciarretta M

President's Report

The lodge is in full swing, and we've had a great week of snow!!! Hopefully everyone has noticed that the club is warmer thanks to all the new attic insulation that Peter Hardman spearheaded. The bar area is still undergoing a transformation, with the high tops being developed from their prototype stage.

One note, and this is an ongoing problem, if you use a glass or mug in the evening, please remember that it is your responsibility to wash it and put it back on the shelf in the dining room. It is not the job of the families on breakfast duty or Alden to wash your dirty glasses.

The March membership meeting is coming up, and we will be electing new officers to the E-Board. I want to thank the nomination committee and especially the chair, Chris White, for all their efforts. They completed their task of finding all replacements, although if anyone wants to make a nomination from the floor, they are welcome to do so.

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

Enjoy!

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Lodge Report

Nothing substantial to report for the lodge this month. We have made some cosmetic improvements, such as high-top bar tables and a foosball table in the kids' room. So far things are operating smoothly, and we have reliable heat and hot water. If you find any problems, please let me know.

Already my thoughts are turning to the planning of work weekends for the spring and the jobs that we will be doing to continue the improvements in insulation, draft proofing, and then better ventilation for internal bathrooms. I will take this opportunity to remind new members that they are required to attend lodge meetings that will plan the projects for the year, along with any other members who have an interest. If you have any particular projects that you think we should be doing, let me know, and we will add them to the list and consider them. In 2019, I would like to try to have more work weekends early in the year because we have some key projects that we can only do in the spring and summer. If you would like to run a work weekend, please let me know.

For those who have not been up to the lodge yet this ski season, what are you waiting for? The snow is continuing to pile up, and the conditions are getting better with each passing week (after the Christmas washout).

Hope to see you at the club.

Cheers,
Peter Hardman
Lodge Chair

Treasurer's Report

As of January 4:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$10,324
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$45,972</u>
Savings account:	\$79,796
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$8,684</u>
Total	\$88,480

The club brought in a record amount of guest fees during the holiday week. If you were at the club, you will have noticed that there were a lot of guests, many of them prospective member families, which is encouraging to see, because we have room for about 14 more families. Our newest members, the Westerhoff-Varoglus, became members as of January 4. Welcome!

Our account balance is approximately \$4,000 less than at this time last year, which our spending this summer on lodge improvements such as the new windows and insulation in the attic can explain. In next month's Yodeler, I will share some numbers on club usage from the beginning of the ski season.

Another expense against our budget to be aware of is trash collection charges, which have increased about \$400 over last year. Most of this is because we started twice-a-week collections earlier this year because of the robust amount of trash generated during the work weekends. There were also some unexpected expenses—two new refrigerators being the most significant. Despite this, the club has a strong balance sheet. More dues than budgeted offset some of the extra expenses. If we get a couple extra members this year, which is certainly possible, all the better.

Dan Connell
Treasurer
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Membership Report

Greetings and salutations! I would like to welcome Mustafa Varoglu, Janet Westerhoff, and their children Sofia and Maya to membership in the club.

I am anticipating our other prospective families will be meeting their requirements for membership throughout the winter.

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair
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Social Report

The annual Holiday Party was a great success, with many members and prospective members in attendance. In addition to the usual visit from Santa, food, and crafts table, we introduced a Holiday Photo Booth to the event. Great to see so many happy families stop by for a picture. You can see some of those pictures on the LexSki Facebook page.

In addition to the Holiday Party, New Year's Eve at the Ski Club was a lot of fun. We turned the clocks ahead 3 hours so everyone could be included in a champagne/sparkling juice toast to celebrate New Year's together!

New event: January 12 at the Ski Club. Dress up in your favorite team or school sports shirt or uniform. If you don't have a shirt, don't worry; Dan Butler will bring shirts for people to wear.

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