

# The Yodeler

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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**, Brandenburg, Brewer

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

## President's Report

Many thanks to Julie McVeigh and her helpers for making Oktoberfest a hit and drawing a good crowd to the first membership meeting of the year. We had a very open, spirited discussion about some fee changes, and we sincerely appreciate everyone's input! Additional thanks to everyone for bringing the hors d'oeuvres and snacks.

The work weekends all completed. Peter Hardman and the regular attendees at the Lodge Committee meetings have done a wonderful job during the off-season making sure the club is ready for the winter.

Packets were available at the November meeting, and I encourage everyone to take the time to look past the priority numbers and read the Rules. When you bring guests up to the club, please talk to them about the rules. I also encourage members to help each other out—whether by supporting the host and hostess or lending a hand during meal duties.

Alden is back this year and will resume his responsibilities with menu planning and receiving weekly food orders. We have a new kitchen coordinating committee this year that will help Alden with placing those orders. Kevin Martin, Marsha Fox, and Sue Gardner have the honor of planning our meals this year! We encourage hosts to review the guidelines from the Reservation Committee, which have been updated to reflect these changes. Hosts will need to touch base with Alden on Saturday morning to

update meal counts and address any issues that may arise that weekend. If any member has a problem with a meal, they are to go to a member of the kitchen coordinating committee. They are not to go to Alden.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

### **Treasurer's Report**

All dues have now been collected. The total bank balance of nearly \$100,000 is about \$20,000 more than the balance at this time last year despite a number of members leaving and no increase in dues. The biggest bill coming due soon is for real estate taxes to the town of Woodstock. We make payments twice per year for a total of about \$5,500.

Because a number of families have left the club and some of them were designated as the host for recent weeks, the result has been that no one is being notified if members are going to the club. I believe the policy has been that, outside of ski season, the host is to be notified, and typically the treasurer is notified as well. If there is a change to the actual reservation, the form is updated, signed, and sent to the treasurer after the member returns from the club. This can be via mail, scanning and e-mailing, taking a picture and e-mailing, or any similar method. There have been at least four instances of members going to the club, some with guests, and not submitting a reservation form since October. We can discuss who should become the host if the designated member has left the club at the meeting, but I would like to suggest that all members continue to copy the treasurer on non-ski season reservations.

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As of November 16:

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| Replacement Reserve:     | \$23,500        |
| Upcoming Maintenance:    | \$14,470        |
| <u>Operating MM:</u>     | <u>\$34,522</u> |
| Savings account:         | \$75,986        |
| <u>Checking account:</u> | <u>\$26,076</u> |
| Total                    | \$98,568        |

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Lexington Ski Club Treasurer  
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