

# The Yodeler

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## November 2018

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## 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 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.

November 20, 2018: Kourian, Lynn, Martin

Holiday Party, December 18, 2018, 6:00-8:00: McCarthy, McVeigh, Osten

January 15, 2018: Pearlman, Raiche, Redmon

## President's Report

Many thanks to Les and Eric and their 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! We encourage hosts to review the guidelines from the Reservation Committee, which have been updated to reflect these changes. Additional thanks to everyone for bringing the hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

There is one work weekend left. 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 will be 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! Hosts will need to touch base with Alden on Saturday morning to update meal counts and address any problems 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—not to Alden.

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## **Lodge Report**

There is only 1 work weekend remaining before the ski season starts (November 17-18). Please send your reservations to Mike Fahy, who is the host for the weekend. We will start on our insulation project this weekend. We expect to have enough material to cover 1000 sq ft of the attic to a depth of 16", which will give us R48-rated insulation, which is what is recommended for New Hampshire.

At the October work weekend, we were able to replace 18 old, single-glazed sash windows with new double-glazed sash windows. Despite some initial problems with sizing, we were able to crack on and replace windows in rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16 and the upper dorm. This is the shady side of the building, so we hope that we will feel the benefits this season.

The furnace is working, but I would like any members who are at the lodge between now and Christmas to double check the timer before they leave and make sure that the heat is off. We have seen the timer stick, which left the heating on for 3 days with nobody in residence. If you are able to, I would also appreciate members purging the rust from the furnace. If you need to know how to do this, let me know.

Remember that the limit for the boot room is 62°F (not 65 °F). I am watching :-). Anyone can see the status of the 4 temperature sensors at <https://thingspeak.com/channels/374276>

Please store ALL FOOD at the lodge in containers or the refrigerators. Never leave food or food scraps out. We have mice, and they were extremely active at the October weekend. The only way to discourage them is not to give them any chance to find food. Please also remind everyone in your family that no food or drink is allowed upstairs or in the dorms. I am considering getting some kind of ultrasonic repellent for the kitchen and bar areas; if anyone has any recommendations, let me know.

There is already snow in the mountains, so let's hope it stays cold and we have a great season.

Cheers,  
Peter Hardman  
Lodge Chair

## **Social Report**

Oktoberfest was a big success, with a large sampling of fall favorites. It was great to see current members and a number of prospective members.

The Social Committee is working on the upcoming Holiday Party; a notice regarding the event will be out shortly.

Eric Pearlman and Les Yee, Social Committee Chairs

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## **Membership Report**

It's been a slow month for new membership. We still have nine prospective families in the pipe line. We will have more news soon as new families finish their requirements and meet with the Membership Committee and Eboard. Please keep thinking of friends who you think would fit well in the club. We have a way to go before we are full with 55 families.

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair  
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## Treasurer's Report

As of November 10:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$11,940
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$44,350</u>
Savings account:	\$79,790
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$24,447</u>
Total	\$104,237

Looking at the P&L for this month, the income portion is very similar to last year at this time. We collected about \$1,700 less from dues and new member fees. As I mentioned last month, although we are still hoping to bring in some new members this year (we expected three), the amount that was collected without new member dues and initiation fees has already equaled the total budgeted income from all members.

Once again, we brought in about \$2,500 from extra room fees since the fiscal year started in July. Last year, we raised about 12.6% of our total income from guest fees. As a 501(c)7 organization, there is a limit of 15% on the income we can derive from use of the club by what I thought was guests. I have looked into this recently, and it appears that the actual terminology is "general public," and guests are not considered to be the general public. I have listed the applicable sections below if anyone is interested. For the last couple of years, I have tracked the percentage, but it does not appear this applies to the Lexington Ski Club. If anyone has information to the contrary, please let me know.

A social club must be supported by membership fees, dues, and assessments. A section 501(c)(7) organization may receive up to 35 percent of its gross receipts, including investment income, from sources outside of its membership without losing its tax-exempt status. No more than 15 percent of the amount may be derived from use of the club's facilities or services by the general public or from other activities not furthering social or recreational purposes for members. If an organization has nonmember income exceeding these limits, all the facts and circumstances will be considered in determining whether the club continues to qualify for exemption.

Membership in a social club must be limited. A club that issues corporate memberships is dealing with the general public (the corporation's employees) and is not exempt. Evidence that a club's facilities will be open to the general public (persons other than members, their dependents, or guests) may cause denial of exemption. This does not mean, however, that any dealing with outsiders will automatically disqualify a club from exemption.

Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone of the recycling change. Effective immediately, please exclude paper-based food and beverage cartons from all recycling containers and discard them with your trash. Note: This change does NOT affect food and beverage containers made from glass, plastics, and metals. The rule on trash can liners in the recycling dumpster remains the same as last year: NO LINERS IN RECYCLING DUMPSTER.

Dan Connell  
Treasurer  
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