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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.

April 28, 2017: Winetasting: **Perlmutter**, Raiche, Redmon

May 16, 2017: **Sabin**, Savarino/Alaimo, Scholl

June 2017: Picnic

President's Report

Spring has finally arrived, and another ski season is in the books. This year was a banner year, with great snow conditions.

Thank you to Kathi Moore for handling all the food and kitchen supply ordering this past season and to Alden for taking on more responsibility with the menu planning. From all accounts, he did a fantastic job.

I want to thank Cathy Fahy for all her dedicated hard work as Membership Chair these past four years. We were able to attract many new members to fill the many empty slots. I also want to welcome Joe Scholl as Cathy's replacement. I know that he will do a fine job in filling her shoes.

This year we are trying something new for the April Wine Tasting. Instead of having it on a Tuesday night, it was suggested to move it to Friday night so as to attract more interest and not have to worry about having to get up for work the next day.

Next year's budget will be presented at the May membership meeting. I urge all members to attend this important meeting and vote to approve the budget.

As everyone starts to think about cleaning up their yards, gardening, and driving their athletes to all of the spring sports, don't forget about the work weekends. Peter Hardman will be looking for volunteers to run the weekends.

FYI, the spring work weekends are typically small and a great time to fulfill your obligation.

I hope to see everyone at the wine tasting.

Jeff (jmoore.nh@gmail.com)

Membership Report

Hello all. I am happy to be your new membership chair. Thank you Cathy Fahy for your work over the last four years overseeing a large influx of new members.

We are anticipating some openings coming up this year to add to the three we already have. If you have friends or family who ski and who you think would be a good addition to the club, please talk to them, and have them call me. We will start recruiting in September if we don't have some prospective members.

On another note, I have had several conversations with Mary Lynn about adding pictures of families to the member list on our web site. Mary tells me that she can create a link for each family to their pictures. The purpose would be to help us connect members and their names. I, for one, would find that very helpful to learning newer members' names. She also has some ideas for a lexski Facebook page that would be secure. We are early in the discussion process on this. I will be at the wine tasting and will bring this up during the meeting for feedback.

Happy spring to you all,

Joe Scholl and the Membership Committee

Lodge Report

The first 2 weekends of April have had low attendance, despite fantastic wall-to-wall snow at Cannon, so we have shut down the gas for the kitchen stove and brought the season to a close.

I have purchased new radiator thermostats to replace the ones broken in Motel 5 Rear and the in the family wing corridor. Hopefully these will help prevent the overheating that we occasionally saw when those radiators we pumping out nonstop heat.

A couple of weekends are already booked for this year. First is a work weekend May 5-7, which Rita and Tom McCarthy will host. The second weekend is a big group is July 14-16, which is planned to be the inaugural Lex Ski GranFondo ride. A group bike ride is planned for members and guests. All welcome. If you are interested, contact Lou Savarino

If you have plans to have a big group at the club during the summer, please give me as much advance notice as possible so we can add it to the calendar.

We are looking for volunteers to host work weekends in June, July, September, October, and November. If you would like to host again (or for the first time), let me know when.

Peter Hardman (peter_hardman@mac.com)

Social Report

Reserve Friday, April 28, for the Annual Lex Ski Wine Tasting. It will be held at the Cotran-Kelly home. Thank you Paul and Anne!

Julie McVeigh

LexSki Gran Fondo Cycling Weekend

A Gran Fondo is a long-distance road bicycling event with a marked route and rest stops. The first annual LexSki Gran Fondo, scheduled for July 15, will include routes of 90 miles and 25 miles starting from the club. A post-ride barbecue will complete the day. For more information, contact Lou Savarino or see www.lexskigranfondo.wordpress.com

Treasurer's Report

As of March 31

Replacement Reserve:	\$20,000
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,451
Operating MM:	\$26,510
Savings account:	\$60,961
Checking account:	\$7,333
Total	\$68,294

We will vote on the budget at the May membership meeting. I would like to thank those who volunteered to be on the Budget Committee - Cindy Darcy, Rita McCarthy, Marc Garrigus, and Lou Savarino. The preliminary budget (hopefully the final) has been submitted to the E-Board. If you were not inclined to volunteer because you thought it would take a lot of time, please ask any of the members of the committee, including Jim Osten or me. It was all done by e-mail, and I think we were pretty efficient. We hope it will be just as easy next year. At the May meeting, I will present how we are performing against our current budget.

As I said before, the club brought in about \$1,000/week during much of the ski season from guest and meal fees. The week of March 3, we only brought in about half of that, but the following three weeks we averaged \$1300. The week of March 31, the first week without Alden, we brought in less than \$100. I do not anticipate receiving much more this year.

We have about \$28,900 more in our bank accounts than we did at this time last year. Last month, the surplus was a bit more (\$31,000), indicating that we spent more during March than we did last year. Nevertheless, even with the ski season winding down, and no additional funds coming in until annual dues, the club is in a strong financial position.

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