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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.

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

June 7, 2017, 6:00-8:00, Picnic: **Sciarretta M**, Sciarretta W, Sebell

President's Report

Spring is here, and that can only mean one thing—it's work weekend season. We have one work weekend in the books, with five more to go. Peter Hardman is still looking for weekend leaders. Contact him if you think you might want to help.

Many members enjoyed the annual wine tasting, reminiscing about the ski season. The move to Friday night was a hit. A sincere thank you to Paul Cotran and Anne Kelly for hosting the party at their home. Thank you to Christophe & Johanna Couturier for procuring the wine and providing excellent details on each that all enjoyed.

It is budget time, folks. The budget committee has worked hard to figure out how to keep our costs low while dealing with some increased costs. Thank you to all who participated in pulling the budget together. Dan will present the budget at the May membership meeting. I urge all members to try to make this important meeting.

Jeff (jmoore.nh@gmail.com)

Membership Report

Hi all. Was that a great time at the wine tasting party or what?

We have one prospective family, Chris and Megan White. We are at 52 families. I have received several inquiries about membership. Please recruit friends who ski who you think would be good members of the club. We prefer to add people who are known to members.

We officially have a LexSki Facebook page. Thank you Mary Lynn. Email Mary to access the page because it is not open to the public. Posts and tags will remain among club members. Feel free to post pictures, etc.

At the May membership meeting, I will be raising the idea of adding pictures to the online membership list. Mary will also be coordinating this. The plan is for a link to pictures to be set up on the web site. Please come to the meeting to participate in this discussion. Mary would like to begin over the summer.

Joe Scholl and the Membership Committee

Lodge Report

The first work weekend has come and gone and was sparsely attended. Please try to do your work weekend early and not leave it until the end of the year, as many did last season.

The June work weekend is June 23-25, hosted by John Pinsky.

The July work weekend is July 7-9, hosted by the Butlers.

I am still looking for volunteers for September, October, and November.

Check the website for large groups, and let me know if you have plans for a large group during the summer that you have not already told me about, so we can update the information.

Thanks

Peter Hardman (peter_hardman@mac.com)

Social Report

Our next event is the June picnic, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, at Gant and Ann Redmon's new home at 11 Saddle Club Road in Lexington.

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.lexski granfondo.wordpress.com

Treasurer's Report

As of May 5

Replacement Reserve:	\$20,000
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,451
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$21,510</u>
Savings account:	\$55,961
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$5,135</u>
Total	\$61,096

The next meeting will be the budget meeting. I have sent out the proposed budget in Excel format to all members in addition to showing it below. Any concerns or comments can be discussed at the meeting. The Budget Committee decided to leave the dues the same as they were last year. Although we have predicted that there will be an approximately \$3,000 deficit (some of the added expense will continue funding the Replacement Reserve fund), the club is in good financial shape, and we felt this would be acceptable. As a point of reference, there is approximately \$22,700 more in the bank today than this time last year.

As you can see in the above breakdown of the savings account, money has been set aside for replacement reserve (one quarter's worth of club operating expenses, e.g., oil, gas, real estate taxes, insurance, water, cable, phone) and upcoming maintenance (as determined by the Lodge Committee), with the remainder in the Operating MM. The Operating MM will supplement the checking account as needed until dues start coming in this summer.

I again would like to thank those who volunteered to be on the Budget Committee— Cindy Darcy, Rita McCarthy, Marc Garrigus, and Lou Savarino. Jim Osten was also on the committee as a member of the E-Board.

On the second sheet of the Excel budget file sent to all members is an accounting of how the club did this year against its 2016/17 budget. We brought in about \$9,200 more in income and spent about \$11,500 less than expected. Much of the expense reduction was from underspending on gas, oil, work weekend supplies, and food for meals.

I hope to see you all at the May membership meeting.

Dan Connell
Lexington Ski Club Treasurer
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	2016 - 2017 Budget, current	2017 - 2018 Budget, proposed
Income		
A Members		
Dues and Prepayments, active	\$63,005	\$64,700
Dues and Prepayments, inactive	\$0	\$100
New Membership Fees	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total A Members	\$65,005	\$65,800
B Lodge Income		
Cancellation Fees	\$0	\$60
Extra Room Fees	\$7,000	\$4,600
Meals	\$16,000	\$17,000
Total B Lodge Income	\$23,000	\$21,660
C Other Misc Income		
Interest Income	\$0	\$30
Total C Other Misc Income	\$0	\$30
Total Income	\$88,005	\$87,490
Gross Profit	\$88,005	\$87,490
Expenses		
D Cost of Meals Expenses		
Bar Food	\$1,000	\$750
Chef 1	\$6,000	\$6,500
Kitchen Supplies	\$0	\$500
Food for Meals	\$11,000	\$9,000
Total D Cost of Meals Expenses	\$18,000	\$16,750
E Lodge Utilities		
Cable TV & Internet	\$1,836	\$2,073
Electric	\$2,500	\$2,450
Fireplace Wood	\$300	\$200
Gas	\$4,000	\$3,800
Oil	\$11,000	\$8,000
Telephone	\$600	\$520
Trash	\$2,650	\$2,850
Water	\$475	\$700
Sewer	\$475	\$512
Total E Lodge Utilities	\$23,836	\$21,105
F Lodge Operations		
Building Repairs	\$1,000	\$1,000
Caretaker Wages	\$1,700	\$1,920
Fire Safety	\$1,000	\$5,400
Furnace Service	\$1,000	\$2,000
Grounds-keeping	\$525	\$360

House Cleaning	\$1,400	\$0
Household Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,400
Lodge Insurance	\$8,200	\$9,100
Plowing	\$1,500	\$1,500
Property Tax	\$5,050	\$5,885
Roof Snow Removal	\$500	\$0
Total F Lodge Operations	\$23,375	\$28,565
G Lodge Committee		
Mattresses	\$2,000	\$1,000
Work Weekend Supplies	\$7,000	\$3,000
Electrical	\$0	\$1,000
Plumbing	\$0	\$2,500
Total G Lodge Committee	\$9,000	\$7,500
H Club Administration		
Admin / Treas Expenses	\$300	\$300
Charities	\$300	\$50
Gifts	\$0	\$250
Meetings	\$400	\$425
Insurance-Officer Liability	\$1,850	\$1,200
Workers Comp Ins	\$0	\$650
Packet Costs	\$400	\$300
Social Committee	\$2,200	\$2,200
Total H Club Administration	\$5,450	\$5,375
I Furnace Construction Loan Exp		
Interest Expense	\$3,900	\$3,000
Loan Principal Pay-down	\$4,240	\$6,000
Total I Furnace Construction Loan Exp	\$8,140	\$9,000
Upcoming Maintenance funding	\$0	\$2,500
Total Expenses	\$87,801	\$90,795
Net income	\$204	-\$3,305