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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.

March 21, 2017: **Moore**, Osten, Pearlman

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

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

President's Report

The lodge is in full swing. Every weekend has been very busy with members and guests. Skiing conditions have been great, so there isn't much to complain about.

The Kitchen Committee has received a donation and purchased new kitchen towels to be used to dry dishes only and has come up with a new policy to take care of the dirty kitchen towels that have been accumulating. Going forward, families assigned Sunday breakfast duty will have to decide between them who will bring the towels home and launder, then bring them back on their next visit to the club or arrange for another family to bring them back. This duty description has been updated in the printed directions posted in the dining room.

Kitchen towels are not to be used to wipe down counters, please use paper towels for that. If the towels are wet, please hang them up on the towel bars to dry. Do not put wet towels in bag.

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, Tom McCarthy, for all their efforts. Not only did they find replacements for the E-Board, but also Housekeeping and Kitchen Committee. Great job!!!!

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

Jeff (jmoore.nh@gmail.com)

Membership Report

We have room for three new family members in the club. Do you know a skiing family? The Lexington Ski Club might be the perfect fit.

We have one new perspective family. Christopher and Megan White and their son Owen (8) live at 12 Candace Avenue, Waltham, MA 02453 and are sponsored by the Doctoroffs and the McVeighs.

If you plan on sponsoring a new member, please take time to review "How to Sponsor a Prospective Member." This document is located on the Lexington Ski Club website. Also, please remember that I must have the application and two sponsor recommendations in hand before a family is considered a prospective member.

Happy Skiing

Cathy Fahy and the Membership Committee

Lodge Report

Things at the lodge seem to be operating reasonably well. Members should be aware of the following issues.

The roof above the derivative wing has some large icicles. Some have been removed where it is safe to do so, but at the time of writing (February 20), others remain above the door leading out to the woodpile, so beware. Warm weather is forecast, so we hope that these icicles will melt rather than come crashing down.

We are having problems with intermittent hot water in the motels. The cause is unknown, because both water heaters are working, and there should be a good supply of hot water even at peak times after skiing. A plumber has been called to see if we can figure out what is going on.

The dumpsters should be emptied every 2 weeks, but Waste Management has missed some pickups, which left us with full dumpsters at the start of vacation week. We will continue to monitor the situation, but if the host notices that the dumpster is close to full let us know (Peter or Dan C.), and we can get them to collect.

Please remember to check all doors are locked when you leave, even if you think other people might be coming back. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the building secure. (Bootroom x2, backdoor to woodpile, kitchen door, front door, upstairs family wing, and front wing.

Peter Hardman (peter_hardman@mac.com)

Treasurer's Report

As of February 10

Checking account:	\$8,344
Savings account:	\$63,451
Replacement Reserve:	\$19,000
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$12,000
Operating MM:	\$37,451
Total	\$71,795

We have about \$28,000 more in the bank than at this time last year. We have spent about \$2,000 more on cost of meals (bar food, chef payments, food for meals, kitchen supplies) and \$2,700 less on utilities (gas, oil, electricity, phone, internet, sewer, trash, water) than last year. We have also spent about \$5,700 less on Lodge Committee expenses, but there will be invoices for sprinkler repairs and perhaps some other repairs in the next few weeks.

As a point of interest, in the past few weeks we have taken in about \$1,000/week from food and guest charges. Although this sounds like a good amount of incoming funds, the total we had taken in last year by this time in February was about \$1,000 more than where we are now. Half of this deficit is from meals and half from extra room fees. This is not to say we are in a nonfavorable condition, as we have a surplus overall as indicated above.

Thank you to those who have provided input on the updated reservation form. I have been able to incorporate all suggestions. There is still time to make suggestions.

Per the bylaws, the Executive Committee will be submitting a budget at the May meeting. My hope is that this can be released to the club at least a week in advance. To this end, the bylaws also require a Finance Committee be formed to help in this effort. If you would like to be part of this committee, which will probably meet in March or April and will hopefully not take more than a few hours, let me know. It is a good opportunity to get a more in-depth view of the club's finances and to help steer the way for the coming years.

VI. 4. A Finance Committee, consisting of five (5) members, including a chairman, with the Treasurer and another member of the Executive Committee being ex-officio members, shall examine and periodically report to the membership on the capital and financial structure of the Club. It shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, prepare an annual budget covering operating expenses and capital improvements. Such budgets are to be submitted to the general membership for approval at the May meeting. It shall be charged with the responsibility to evaluate and recommend to the membership all possible ways and means available to the Club to meet its financial requirements. The Finance Committee shall meet at such time and place as its functions may require.

Hope to see you at the club.

Dan Connell
Lexington Ski Club Treasurer
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