

# The Yodeler

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## November 2019

### Executive Board

President: *John Pinsky*

Vice President & Lodge Chair: *Peter Hardman*

Secretary: *Cindy Darcy*

Treasurer: *Kevin Baker*

Membership: *Lorelle and Les Yee*

Activities: *Eric Pearlman*

Communications: *Kristen Butler*

### 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 bringing a snack and 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 19, 2019, 7:30-9:00: Meeting

**Hosts:** Yee, Baker, Brewer

December 17, 2019, 6:00-8:00: **Holiday Party**

**Hosts:** Butler, Chan, Colburn

January 21, 2020, 7:30-9:00: Meeting

**Hosts:** Colby, Connell, Cotran/Kelly

### President's Report

Many thanks to Eric and his helpers for making Oktoberfest a hit and drawing a good crowd to the first membership meeting of the year. We are looking forward to enjoying our rebuilt lodge!

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. Peter, as well as many other members, have done extra work weekends to ensure that the lodge is ready to go! We are grateful for all their hard work. 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. The kitchen coordinating committee of Kevin Martin, Marsha Fox, and Sue Gardner will again be planning the 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.

John ([jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com](mailto:jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com))

President

### Lodge Report

I would like to thank all member for their patience and contributions to the repairs of the lodge in 2019. It has been a stressful year with rebuilding of the porches and insulation of the attic with the aim of avoiding the

problems we saw earlier in the year. I would especially like to thank those members who attended multiple weekends to try and move the project forward. We are not done, but there will be a pause in the work over the ski season as the cold weather and snow descend on NH. We will be using some of the monies collected as buyout fees to improve the facilities at the club, including some better network hardware, security cameras, and also an additional TV to go into the dining room (near the ping-pong table). Over the next few months we will be planning next years' improvements and I would like to ask for members to serve on the Lodge Committee. The Lodge Committee will meet 6 – 8 times this coming year. We will plan on having the first meeting in the new year. If you are interested in helping and contributing your time let me know. See you on the slopes.

Peter Hardman  
Lodge Chair/Vice President

### **Social Report:**

Oktoberfest was a great success with a large sampling of fall favorites. It was great to see many new faces at the event.

Before you know it the Holiday Party will be upon us and I will be reaching out in the next couple of weeks to look for volunteers to help plan and run the party. If you would like to help out or have some fun suggestions, please touch base with me.

Eric Pearlman  
Social Chair

### **Treasurer's Report:**

(As of 11/4/2019):

TD Bank

Money Mkt	\$111,866.82	
Emergency Fund MM	\$43,500.00	(Approx. 6 months operating expenses)
Cap Improvement Fund MM	\$21,836.67	
Cap Improvement Donations	\$970.00	(Donations above and beyond Dues, for special projects)
Checking	\$9,832.08	
<u>BNE Escrow Funds</u>	<u>\$32,193.36</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220,198.93</b>	

As of this month, we have approximately \$115K more on hand than we did at this time last year. As construction continues at the lodge, payments to contractors for their completed work will continue to occur. Last month we paid approximately \$13K that was invoiced for lodge repairs related to the porch collapse and roofing project. As more projects continue to near completion, we expect to be invoiced an additional \$85K for the work that is currently underway. This will be reflected in monthly reports as members will see the above cash on hand begin to decrease to more typical levels.

The membership budgeted money this year for several purchases in addition to the ongoing construction. During the recent work weekends, we have replaced a substantial amount of worn bedding. In the next few weeks, we expect to be purchasing several new mattresses, a replacement freezer, several refurbished vacuums, and a TV. The existing TV will be moved to the back of the dining room where a TV was previously located. We also hope to be purchasing equipment to allow more dependable Wi-Fi in the lodge soon.

With the ski season about to get underway, if you have not yet signed up for Venmo, I would encourage you to do so. Venmo is a secure and easy to use smartphone app. It will eliminate the need to bring checks for payment during the ski season at the club. If you have already been using Venmo, I would like to thank you for making my job easier, and ask that you "friend" the Ski Club Treasurer account: @Treasurer-LexSki. This will allow

you to be listed as a contact in the treasurer Venmo address book, which helps ensure I am issuing reimbursements to the correct person.

A new reimbursement form has been created and is posted to the website for members to use. Please remember that a receipt is required for all reimbursements, as we need them for tax and accounting purposes. Please be certain to submit all reimbursements and receipts to treasurer.lexski@gmail.com rather than to my personal email address.

Kevin Baker  
Treasurer  
617-293-9545

## **Membership Report**

The Membership Committee would like to introduce you to some of our newest Prospective Members.

- Ramona Filipi and Pablo Acosta and their children Nicolas (7 y.o.) and Ceci (5 y.o). Ramona, Pablo and their kids participated in this year's Gran Fondo event. They are an avid outdoor family and enjoy skiing, hiking, and mountain climbing. Ceci, at the ripe age of 5 is already scaling the rocks of Rumney, NH! Their children attend Waldorf and are being sponsored by Amelia Turner/John Rossi and Lou Savarino/Christine Alaimo. If you see them at the Club, be sure to give them a warm greeting.

We will soon need some Sponsors to step up, as we have 13 families that are in the Pre-prospective stage, which means they are interested in the Club, but must first make a physical visit to the Club before being considered a Prospective. As a reminder, Sponsors must be members for at least one year. Their role is simply to meet with the family, host them during a visit and guide them through the process. You can only Sponsor one family at a time.

We expect that we will need a number of hosts early in the season, given the large interests and number of families. Once we secure dates, we will send a notice to members.

The Membership Committee is also looking to expand. This is a low-commitment position. We have sporadic meetings with Prospectives as they are vetted for membership. Please reach out to us if you are interested. We welcome new members as you bring a fresh perspective to the Club.

Lorelle and Les Yee, Membership Co-Chairs  
[leslieyee@yahoo.com](mailto:leslieyee@yahoo.com)

## **Secretary Report**

I took advantage of the club moving the due date for dues from to October to July to print the membership packet one month earlier, as the earlier due date allows us to determine much earlier who will continue to be an active member in the coming ski season. Those people who wanted a printed packet and were at the October meeting were able to pick it up then. I will bring the remaining packets to the November and December meetings. After that, any remaining packets will be in the filing cabinet in the office at the lodge.

I encourage everyone to read through packet materials, either printed or on-line, as there is lots of information in there, and it is likely that even folks who have been members for a while can learn something new. (I manage to learn something new each year, even after 6 years of membership and 5 years of editing the packet.) In particular, the Helpful Hints has some new information that I added such as what needs to be shoveled, where free sand can be obtained in North Woodstock, and a list of the various committees and what they do.

I'm always looking for ways to improve the packet, so if anybody has any feedback, I'm very happy to have it. I am particularly interested in anything that is not documented that should be, as well as information that is difficult to locate. I especially encourage new members to keep an eye out for any short comings of the documentation, and let me know of anything that is missing, inaccurate, unclear, or hard to find.

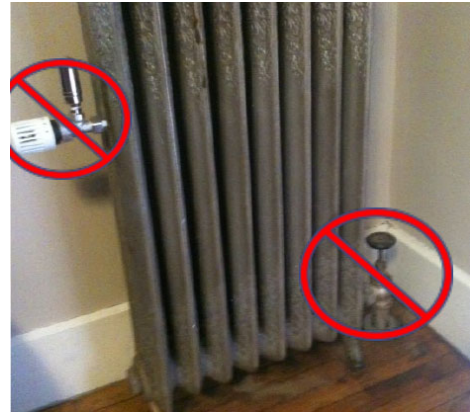
Cindy Darcy  
Secretary

### **Communication Report**

As we update the website, there may be things that look broken, please let me know if there is anything that you can't find. The [2019-20 season priority numbers](#), [host information](#), [Member List](#), [Reservation Form](#) have been updated, but much of the other information has not yet. Please make sure you use the updated form for reservations.

Kristen Butler  
Communication

**TIDBIT of the MONTH – Please do not touch the settings on the radiators; not the thermostatic radiator valve and not the radiator valve. The Lodge Committee is working on making sure the radiators are balanced throughout the Club.**



**Lexington Ski Club**  
**Membership meeting minutes**  
**10/15/19**

**Membership:**

We have 43 member families, 3 derivatives, and 1 alumni family.

We have 3 prospective families.

Eileen Pattinson is doing a posting to Lexington PTO lists to advertise the club for potential new members.

Lexington Discover Day went well with many people talking with our representatives there.

**Social:**

Next event is the December Holiday party. Eric Pearlman will send out a note looking for ideas. Eric is checking with Gant Redmon to see if he is willing to be Santa or loan us his Santa suit; depending on the answers, we may be looking for a volunteer willing to be Santa.

Considering having an event for the multiple February birthdays.

**Communications:**

Kristen Butler will be updating the web site, and wants to eventually get individual passwords for accessing private parts (e.g. membership list) and hopefully someday offer on-line reservations and maybe payments.

**Treasurer:**

The club is in a good financial position.

We have \$48,000 unallocated (\$32,000 of that is in escrow, so \$15,000 for improvements).

We have \$10,000 more in dues than the budget projected.

**Lodge:**

In May, the new concrete pad was installed during a Work Weekend and then oil tanks were replaced.

The contractor (MTR) rebuilt the front porch and is working on the back porch.

The front rooms were insulated with spray foam and have new dry wall.

There is 6 inches of spray foam being applied to the roof in the attic. This should greatly reduce our heat loss through attic and prevent ice dams. It also stiffens and strengthens the roof.

New concrete is being installed in the back of the building with a French drain. This will allow water to properly drain away from the building. (The old concrete had settled and would collect puddles in some areas.)

When the back porch is complete, the contractor will finish the roof. (The roof on the front side of the building is done.)

We have money for a new kitchen range and hood.

The TV room floor is now level.

Some parts of our electrical system have been upgraded, including replacing the old fuse box by room 5 (in the family wing).

There will be another work weekend this coming weekend to finish some needed work.

**New Business:**

Discussed idea of requiring new members to participate in a committee during their second year of membership. The intent is to encourage get new members more involved with the running of the club at an earlier point. The discussion of the idea was very favorable, and the motion of the idea was approved. Cindy Darcy will come up with the by-law wording for this change to be voted on at the next meeting.

The minutes from the May 21 membership meeting were approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Submitted Respectfully Yours,

Cindy Darcy  
Secretary