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2013 LexSki Membership Meeting Calendar

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 coffee, tea, dessert, etc., and also 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.**

May 21, 2013, 7:30 PM: **Colby**, Cotran, Couturier, Doctoroff

June 2013 6:00-8:00 PM: **Eagles**, Fahy, Fearnside, Fitzgerald. Family Potluck Picnic, Date TBD

President's Report

Can it really be true that the season is almost over? Cannon has reported over 100 inches of snow since February 1, and most of the area is open until April 14. After that, there is always Tuckerman's Ravine. Anyway it has been a great season!

We had a good March general meeting, with an adequate number attending to hold our annual election (31 vs. the required 30 members for a quorum), in spite of the weekly midweek snowstorm last month. The slate was elected as listed in the March Yodeler, and in addition, John Rossi and Johanna Couturier have volunteered to help with Lodge Chair and Activities Chair duties, respectively. Many thanks to all who have so generously offered their time and efforts to the club. Pat Sinnott provided an illuminating and entertaining presentation on how to use our new recycling system with brilliant theatrical help from Susan Osten and Holly Yasaitis.

One concern that the new definition of family bylaw passed last year raises is the effect on club revenue if a significant number of new single-adult families join, as permitted by the bylaw. A committee has been formed led by our treasurer Peter Forte to review this issue. A summary of the initial proposals from the committee for discussion is given later in this Yodeler. We had a brief discussion at the April wine tasting meeting to gather more input and get feedback on the proposals generated to date.

John Yasaitis

Membership Report

Julie and Patrick McVeigh with their children Finn, 7 and Gus, 3 are sponsored by the Butlers and the Turner Rossis.

Deborah and Mike Sabin with their children Zachary, 18, Matthew, 14, and Elena, 9 are sponsored by the Chans and the Sciarettas.

Stephen and Virginia Alfano with their daughter Emily, 17 are sponsored by Peter Forte and the Stones. They also have a daughter Justina, 22.

Please think of families that would be a good match for our club and invite them up for a weekend. Talk to them about the benefits of Lexington Ski Club membership.

Thank you,

Shari Marquis and Membership Committee

Lodge Report

Offseason schedule: 67% of work weekends (1, 2, 3, 5) are scheduled:

May 3-5 (Charlie and Joanne Levin)

May 31-June 2 (McCarthys)

July 19-21 (Butlers)

October 18-20 (Scholls)

Leadership opportunities for WWs 4 and 6 (Sept. and Nov.) still exist. Large-group gatherings have been approved for the Butler (July 12-14: 15), McCarthy (July 25-28: 35-40), and Yasaitis (Sept. 13-15: 30) families. Large-group hosts, please send a note to the Lodge Chair with the room reservations a few days before your gathering.

The ping pong table has been delivered. We are expecting the table to last a good five years. This means that parents should train their children and guests how to open and close the table without damaging it. Wives, as appropriate, please provide PPT (ping pong table) training to your husbands.

We have received only a few written recommendations for 2013 lodge projects. Send some more, both short and long term. If you want a sauna in the basement, now is the time to suggest it. If we put a honeymoon suite in the derivative wing, what will we call the derivative wing? The term "luxury wing" is already taken.

Recycling continues apace. Please send comments and advice. Thank you for "listening" and for reelecting the leadership slate.

As mentioned briefly at the Annual Wine Tasting (thank you to the Cotrans for hosting, to Tom McCarthy, Jr., for providing the wine, and to the Couturiers for the cheese selection), the Executive Board is looking at the wording of our annual fee structure. Please expect an email soliciting your input in the next couple of weeks.

Pat Sinnott, LC, sinnottpj@gmail.com

John Rossi, jrossi@johnrossicompany.com

Social Committee

The wine and cheese tasting on Tuesday was great fun, and we had a super turnout, with more than 50 members attending. Thanks once again to Tommy McCarthy for selecting the fine wines and discussing their merits with us. Thanks to the Couturiers for a truly wonderful assortment of cheeses. Our next social event is the summer picnic, held in early June, usually during the second week, from 6-8 PM. Kids are welcome to this event, and leftover wine will be available for further tasting. We are looking for a family to host the event this year, so please let us know if you are interested. The date is flexible, and we will have a rain date as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deanna Chan for her years of fabulous work as Social Co-Chair with me and with Lisa. She set a high bar for those who follow. Speaking of succession, I would like to welcome Johanna Couturier as my Social Co-Chair for the coming year(s). We are grateful for Johanna's skills and willingness to take on this position.

Paul Cotran and Johanna Couturier
Social Committee Co-Chairs

Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2013

TD BankNorth Accounts:

Checking: \$ 2,864

Savings: \$ 50,242

Total \$ 53,106

Review of the annual prepayment fee for new single adult families for discussion at the May meeting

The question to address with last year's revised definition of family is that a single-parent membership will pay \$440 (the present adult prepayment fee), whereas a husband and wife membership pays the \$440 fee for each, yet the single parent and the husband and wife each use the same club resources (a room).

The new family definition does not affect children's fees because the club already has a children's fee schedule.

The March EBoard discussion on the family pricing questions developed these potential alternatives:

1. Have the single-parent membership pay the then-existing adult prepayment fee plus a 50% single supplement fee. (The resultant cost today would be \$660: \$440 plus \$220, the 50% supplemental fee.)
2. Have a single-parent membership pay the same adult prepayment fee as that of a husband and wife membership for the first five years of membership and then pay the then-current Adult prepayment fee. (The resultant cost today would be \$880 for each of the first five years, then \$440 yearly thereafter.)
3. Do not change any of the prepayment fees. (The resultant cost today would be \$440: the present adult prepayment fee).