



The Yodeler

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October 2021

Executive Board

President: *John Pinsky* president@lexski.org

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Peter Hardman lodgechair@lexski.org

Secretary: *Cindy Darcy* secretary@lexski.org

Treasurer: *Kevin Baker* treasurer@lexski.org

Membership: *Marc Garrigus* membership@lexski.org

Activities: *Eric Pearlman* social@lexski.org

Communications: *Kristen Butler* info@lexski.org

LexSki Membership Meetings

October 19, 2021 Meeting – IN PERSON Belmont Hill School, 19 Marsh Street

November 16th, 2021 Meeting – Location TBA

December 21st, 2021 Holiday Party – Location TBA

President's Report (President@lexski.org)

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer, probably a better one than last year! Now that skiing is upon us, we are looking forward to a better season this year. We will be having a normal Oktoberfest thanks to Dan Butler and Belmont Hill. We will also be having a business meeting in order to update the progress of the lodge, and to discuss any COVID policy proposals for the upcoming ski season. Our membership is currently at 43 families, and thanks to Marc Garrigus for organizing a booth for Discovery Day in Lexington, which was on October 9. Hopefully that will keep the new members rolling in! Also, if you know of any families you think would be a good fit, now would be a great time to encourage them to join. Our new friends and family policy eliminates the geographic requirement.

Lastly, we all need to do a work weekend, and there are two more opportunities in November. Plenty to do, and we all need to pitch in!

Hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest meeting!

John

President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report (LodgeChair@lexski.org)

As winter approaches, we are nearing the end of the work weekends, with plenty still to do. The kitchen is slowly coming back together. We already have the hood installed and first fix electrical work done. We will be having the newly insulated walls covered with sheetrock the week starting October 18th, and are looking for a contractor to install the grid ceiling. The gas supply for the range will be moved in November, and the hood will be connected to the alarm system in around the same time.

All the rooms facing the back got new windows in 2020 and now have trim and should have started to be painted by the time you read this.

In the boot room we are going to install a set of cubbies, 36 in all that should help tidy up the space and keep bags and boots off the floor. This does mean we have taken down the ski racks, so skis should be stored in the basement or in your vehicles.

There are two more work weekends on the calendar so if you have not contributed yet, please choose a weekend that works for you.

The heating is operational and was serviced by the plumber recently.

Finally, we are planning on transitioning the logbook of problems kept in the office into an online Google form so that people can update the list and search if the problem was already fixed or figure out what supplies to buy. The link to this will appear on the website shortly.

Peter
LodgeChair@LexSki.org

Social Report (Social@lexski.org)

Ocktoberfest will held during our meeting on Tuesday Oct 19 from 7-9 pm. The venue will be held at the Belmont Hill School Alumni House across the street from the Belmont Hill School -19 Marsh St. Belmont. If you attended the Wine Tasting event in the Spring it is at the same location. It is planned as an outdoor event but if it is deemed too cold we will locate a backup location indoors. Beer, Wine, Cider and light snacks will be provided.

Fall Hike-October 22-24. Christine Alaimo is coordinating a Fall Hike for all levels of fitness. On Sunday Oct. 24 those who wish to participate can help with work weekend projects to help get the club ready for the upcoming ski season.

LexSki merchandise-I will be looking to order items with our logo on it this fall. Vests, hats, shirts, jackets, hoodies are options. I will provide details and minimums at a later date.

Holiday Party-Virtual or in person.....TBD!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club.

Eric Pearlman
Social@LexSki.org

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@lexski.org)

As of 10/7/21:

TD Operating Checking	\$57,249.27
TD Operating MM	\$20,112.49
Cap Improvement Fund MM:	\$43,196.37
Cap Improvement Donations:	\$ 2,160.00
Emergency Fund MM:	\$43,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS: \$166,218.13

As we all eagerly await a ski season that we hope will be a little more normal, the club remains in a good financial position. In the budget approved by the Membership in June, we had conservatively estimated receiving \$68,502 in membership dues. Now that dues have been collected, our actual receipts totaled \$71,932, a difference of +\$3,430 or 5% more than budgeted. This is great news, however, this is still more than \$6,500 less than we had collected in dues in 2019 prior to COVID, so we have our work cut out to recruit of new members for the long term while keeping our overhead as efficient as possible.

Since my last report in April, we have paid out about \$23K towards ongoing construction and repair expenses. This included replacement of the family wing stairs and completion of the roof outside the motels, as well as ongoing improvements throughout the lodge, mostly to the kitchen. While the kitchen project is a month or more away from being fully completed and paid for, I am confident we have adequate funds on hand to finish the project. In late June we did have one significant financial set-back, as an electrical surge during a lightning storm caused extensive damage to the fire alarm system, furnace, internet and other devices in the lodge. While we are still tallying the full cost of this damage, it appears to total in the \$8-10K range. All damages have been repaired, and I have been in discussion with our insurance agent regarding the viability of a claim for reimbursement of these expenses.

As I have previously reported, trash and recycling has grown to one of our largest operating expenses. Occasionally members have discarded cardboard boxes which have not been flattened in the dumpsters. This takes up a lot of

unnecessary space and increases the frequency we must request the dumpsters be emptied. Therefore, it is necessary and required that if you discard cardboard boxes, you must flatten or crush the boxes before discarding them. Our dumpster service will remain on an on-call basis for the foreseeable future to keep costs down. If you notice the dumpster is 90% full or more, please send an email to emptythetrash@lexski.org Remember to include which dumpster needs servicing (trash or recycling or both), and either Peter or I will contact Waste Management to schedule a pick-up. This email address will also be posted at the lodge in the kitchen area.

Please ONLY use the new reservation form for all your reservations and going forward, please use treasurer@lexski.org for all matters where you need to email me.

Lastly, our 2020 taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 were successfully filed with the IRS this past week. As a non-profit organization, we continue to have no federal tax liability.

Kevin Baker

treasurer@lexski.org

Please remember to only use the new treasurer email: treasurer@lexski.org

Membership Report (Membership@lexski.org)

The summer has been fairly busy, with some new prospective members being referred to the club by existing members. As always, current members are the best source of leads for new prospectives. Don't be afraid to tell families you know how awesome the club is!

The new prospective families are:

The Formans (from the Ehrbars)

The Johnsons (from the Bakers)- Needs sponsors

The Laviano Family (from the Whites)- Needs sponsors

All 3 families have submitted their applications and will be starting the process of attending meetings, and visiting the club. Please provide them a warm welcome if you bump into them! The Lavianos and Johnsons NEED SPONSORS. **Please let me know if you're willing to sponsor one of the new prospective families.**

Additionally, we have a returning member, Gant Redmon! Welcome back Gant!

Lastly, I'd like to report that Lexington Discovery Day went very well! Shout out to the Darcys and Eric P. who help me staff the booth for the day. We talked to a number of interested families, and we'll be sending out information packets **to 26 new families!!!! Woo hoo!**

The current status of the membership pipeline is as follows:

Completed Process, holding on Activating Membership

Coakley

Prospective Members In Process (have submitted application, have sponsors, have completed some visits)- 2 yr Deadline for completing process suspended for 2019-2020 ski season)

Bard-Ellsworth - (need to complete Club Meeting and Lodge visits)

Bell (Need Darcy sponsor letter, need to complete Club Meeting and Lodge Visits)

Hall (Needs to complete 2nd lodge visit)

Leitch (need to complete club meeting, and 2nd lodge visit)

Smith (needs to complete 2nd lodge visit)

Pre-Prospective Families (no application submitted, no sponsors)

Cherven

Davis

Dupill

Eaton (on hold, due to injury)

Qi

Salerno

Withdrew

Goudreau- no reason given

Marc Garrigus

Membership@LexSki.org

Communication Report (Info@lexski.org)

We are working on updating the website so that it can be used as a marketing tool. If there is someone that is a marketing person, we could use some assistance with the new vocabulary. We are also collecting photos of the club to post on the site, if you have some please send to me.

Photos: the family photos are “trickling” in. Please take a moment to send one.

Do you have any documents that you have held onto for the Club? Please email them or snail mail them to me.

Kristen Butler

Communication

Info@LexSki.org

Lexington Ski Club
Membership meeting minutes
3/16/2021

Congratulation so Megan and Chris White on birth of Declan Andrew!

Activities: No in person events are currently planned. Could possibly do a distance wine tasting (outdoors) near the end of April. Could possibly do a distanced picnic in late June. Eric Pearlman is working on setting up a trivia night, maybe next week.

Membership: No new news. Chris White had some guests visit who may be interested in joining.

Treasurer: Kevin Baker is looking for volunteers for the finance committee, to work on preparing a budget for the July 1 2021- June 30 2022 year. Most work is done via e-mail and then a Zoom meeting or two.

Lodge: Once it is warm enough, the contractor (Matt) will work on the walkway and stairway at the end of the family wing. We are expecting to be able to do work weekends starting some time in the summer. The buyout option is currently undecided. There is kitchen work to be this year.

Communications: Kristen Butler is working on revamping the web site. If you know someone with Word Press experience, please let Kristen know. Please send in family pictures.

Election:

The slate of officers were elected:

President: John Pinsky
Vice President/Lodge: Peter Hardman
Treasurer: Kevin Baker
Secretary: Cindy Darcy
Activities: Eric Pearlman
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Submitted Sincerely,

Cindy Darcy
Secretary