

The Yodeler

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June 2019

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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.

June 21, 2019, 6:00-8:00: Picnic, Ann and Gant Redmon, 11 Saddle Club Road: Turner/Rossi, Varoglu, Vogel

Lodge Report

This year, more than any other, we need your EARLY attendance at a work weekend. The sooner we get people at the club helping to put rooms back together and in operation, the sooner we will be ready for the ski season, which is only 5-months away. In case you need reminding or are unaware of the work that needs to be done, let me restate our current position.

We had the front porch collapse in March. This made rooms 24, 1, 2, & 3 unsafe because the front of the building was pulled forwards. We have a contractor coming to reframe the front wall and rebuild the porch. The reframing will require exposing the internal walls of those rooms, along with the TV room and possibly the living room.

In addition to the rooms above, we also had obvious water damage (drips and leaks) along with damp in rooms in the derivative wing (16, 19, 20, 21), family wing (10, 11), and dining room. This means that there are parts of walls and ceilings missing in all these rooms, and the furniture and beds in these rooms were moved to other rooms while the original remediation was taking place. This means that more rooms are out of action because they are full of furniture. This may be a problem for some large groups or the Gran Fondo, depending on numbers.

Before we can start the easy work (painting, putting back furniture), we need to finish any demolition of the rooms to get back to solid places from which to start reconstruction. These rooms then need to be insulated and re-boarded. The clock is ticking, and we need everyone to step up and come to a work weekend sooner rather than later. If you are waiting until November, and we have not done all the rooms, it will be too late.

The following dates are on the calendar, but we can certainly add more if there is interest in more weekends with smaller groups.

JUNE 7-8: (Does anyone want to do another weekend in June?)

JULY 27-28: (Does anyone want to do another weekend in July?)

AUGUST: None planned. Anyone want a weekend in August? Note large groups 2-4 and 16-18.

SEPTEMBER 14-15: (Does anyone want to do another weekend in Sept?)

OCTOBER 5-6: (Does anyone want to do another weekend in Oct?)

NOVEMBER 2-3: (Does anyone want to do another weekend in Nov?)

I would like all members to let me know

The work weekend they will be attending,

or

That they will be paying the \$250 fee.

I am going to ask that you all decide which weekend you will attend or send in your money to Dan by July 1. If I do not get a date from you, I will assume you are paying and will ask Dan to send an invoice. We have to know who and when, because we have to plan.

If you can use a hammer and a saw, please plan to come sooner rather than later. If you can only paint, then come later, but we can't have 100 painters in November if there is no construction first.

Finally, I will remind all new members again that they must attend lodge meetings. There will be another one as we get progress updates from the contractor, to see how this process works. I would encourage the new families to attend one of the earlier weekends this year or even be bold enough to host a weekend. It's an easy task if the group is small, and older members will always help and give advice.

The building's future is an all our hands. Don't leave it for someone else to do the work, and don't feel like you have to only do one weekend.

Cheers,

Peter Hardman

Lodge Chair

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Treasurer's Report

As of June 8:

Monthly Operating Exp:	\$23,500
Capital Improvements:	\$11,477
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$18,987</u>
Savings account:	\$53,964
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$22,664</u>
Total	\$76,628

All invoices have been sent out to active members for FY2019. Only one inactive member has informed the E-Board that they would like to remain inactive. Current inactive members or members who would like to go inactive this year have until June 15 to let the president know of your decision.

We have received the check from Hanover in the amount of \$198,097.14. This does not include their fee, which we have sent to Petrocelli but has not been deposited. Because we have an outstanding loan balance with the Bank of New England for the furnace, they will need to co-sign the check before it can be deposited. Because our outstanding balance is only \$33,400, I was expecting this would not

take too long, but I spoke to a loan officer at the bank the other day, and they said they may want to come to the club for an inspection.

We have made the first payment to the contractor (MTR in North Woodstock) who will be making repairs to the club and replacing the roof. The payment was for all materials and a small amount of labor. If you are at the club over the next couple of months, you can expect to see them there.

Three members have made additional donations to the club's capital improvement account for a total of \$1,140. Thank you very much. Eleven member families have paid their dues for next year, and we have collected about 21% of the total invoiced amount.

This will be my last Yodeler input as treasurer. Although the job sometimes requires a lot of hours to document transactions and make filings, it really has been a rewarding experience. I would like to thank the many members who have helped me over the last three and a half years by answering my questions, providing feedback, and volunteering for the Finance Committee. I know that Kevin Baker will be getting the same support as the new treasurer.

Dan Connell
Treasurer
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Membership Report

The Membership Committee would like to welcome Lia and Leo O'Donnell and their family to the club as official Lexington Ski Club Members.

Special thanks to our members who gave their time to staff our booth at Lexington Discovery Day. This year, the town moved Discovery Day to the center right on Mass Ave, and the foot traffic proved to be better. We collected a number of great-quality leads and are hopeful that they will turn into potential new members.

We remind new members that getting involved is a responsibility of club membership. The Membership Committee is always looking for new committee members to join and provide critical input into the club's membership process and its future members. Please let us know if you are interested in joining.

Finally, remember that the club has expanded its inclusion of eligibility, and we urge to you to send along friends and families (even those in noncontiguous towns and cities) for membership consideration. Let's get some of those new members into the pipeline. We are still seeking leads for other town days.

- Winchester, Saturday, June 1
- Arlington, Saturday, September 14
- Bedford, Saturday, September 22
- Burlington, TBD

Lorelle and Les Yee, Membership Committee Chairs

Social Report

What a better way to kick off summer than to have our Annual Picnic on June 21 at 6:00 pm.

Host families, please arrive at 5:30 to help with set-up.

For all members:

- Please bring a small side, dessert, or appetizer to share.
- Grills will be provided to cook whatever provisions you choose to bring along.

· 2-3 bottles of each of red and white wine left over from the wine tasting will be provided. Otherwise, please bring your choice of beverage.

· Soft drinks will be provided.

As this is a twilight event, you may want to bring bug spray.

Where: Ann and Gant Redmon, 11 Saddle Club Rd, Lexington

When: 6:00-8:30

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Eric Pearlman, Social Committee Chair

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