

The Yodeler

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March 2019

Executive Board

President: *John Pinsky*

Vice President & Lodge Chair: *Peter Hardman*

Secretary: *Cindy Darcy*

Communications: *Ann Redmon*

Membership: *Joe Scholl*

Activities: *Eric Pearlman and Les Yee*

Treasurer: *Dan Connell*

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.

April 26, 2019: 7:00-9:00: Wine tasting: Sciaretta W, Sebell, Shelden-Mendes

May 21, 2019: Stanford, Tamir/Pinsky

June 2019: Picnic

President's Report

Just when you thought spring was here, winter comes roaring back. Another nor'easter last week gave most ski areas an added boost. Hopefully this will extend the season well into April! Skiing has been amazing!

It's been a fun year, but this is a reminder for quiet hours, which are between 11pm and 7am. That means children are not allowed downstairs before 7am, and after 11pm, people downstairs must be subdued. Members should also not use the kitchen for cooking during this time. Remember, the walls and ceilings are thin, and noise travels easily. Parents of young children should also mind the bedtimes, which are posted on the wall next to the phone booth.

The March membership meeting is coming up, and we will be electing new officers to the E-Board. I hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting.

Enjoy the spring skiing.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

Treasurer's Report

As of March 12:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$10,324
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$40,992</u>
Savings account:	\$74,816
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$10,279</u>
Total	\$85,095

As was mentioned in last month's Yodeler, there is about \$34,700 left to pay on our \$75,000 loan. It is scheduled to mature in January 2025, and the loan has a rate of 7.5%. Because we have a fair amount of money in our account, and it is not earning much interest, I presented some options for accelerating our payoff to save on interest payments. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

In other news, I have decided to step down as treasurer effective at the end of this fiscal year. I think this would be a good time to transition to a new treasurer because things are fairly quiet in the summer, and the new person is not immediately faced with presenting a new budget. I have automated a number of accounts to reduce the workload, and I intend to remain available to provide guidance to whoever takes on this role. There is a lot I have learned in doing this job, and I want the transition to be as easy as possible. The application that we currently use for handling the books is QuickBooks, which I had no experience using before I began. Although I am no expert, I know how to use it well enough and will be glad to pass on this knowledge. I have learned quite a bit from this job over what will be three and a half years, and I encourage anyone who is interested in taking over contact me or any E-Board member.

The Finance Committee will be presenting a new budget at the May meeting. If you are interested in being on the committee, please let me know. As I have said before, it is a good opportunity for a member to provide some guidance on how the club is run and see where the money is spent. Typically, we have one or two meetings to settle on the budget, so it is not a large time commitment. QuickBooks does a good job of providing historical reports, so most of the job is predicting what our income will be and how we want to spend it after.

Dan Connell
Treasurer
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Membership Report

I am pleased to announce to the membership that Mateo and Danielle Millett and Chris and Eileen Pattinson met with the eboard in March and will be invited to join the club in 2 weeks if we hear no concerns. We had a enjoyable time getting to know them, and they tell us their children thoroughly enjoy being at the club.

On March 20, we will have another membership committee meeting and will interview the Weeks and O'Donnell families.

If we have any other prospective families who have completed their two visits to the lodge, please let me know so we can schedule further membership committee meetings. Interest in the club is building. In addition to the families already in the pipeline, we have three families expressing interest. We are recommending that any interested family come to the lodge to experience it before submitting an application. Thank you to members who have been talking up the club!

Joe Scholl, Membership Committee Chair
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Social Report

Join us for an adults-only night of fun as we blind-taste wines from around the world.

When: Friday, April 26, 7:00-9:00.

Where: The home of Anne Kelly and Paul Cotran, 14 Oakland St, Lexington.

Eric Pearlman and Les Yee, Social Committee Chairs

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