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LexSki Membership Meetings

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 bins and 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.** According to our contract with the church, **no nuts are allowed**, so please be sure that the food you bring is nut free.

March 20, 2018: **Connell**, Cotran/Kelly, Couturier

April 6, 2018: Wine tasting: **Darcy**, Doctoroff, Eckford

May 15, 2018: **Ehrbar**, Fahy, Fox

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!

We have had a number of reports of lights being left on and doors and windows left unlocked. I want to remind everyone, when you leave to head home after your stay at the club, check all doors and windows in your room and make sure they are locked. Also make sure lights are turned off. These include the attic lights and exterior parking lot lights.

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 13:

Replacement Reserve:	\$23,500
Upcoming Maintenance:	\$14,470
<u>Operating MM:</u>	<u>\$34,546</u>
Savings account:	\$72,516
<u>Checking account:</u>	<u>\$8,588</u>
Total	\$81,104

We have about \$11,440 more in the bank than we did at this time last year, although at this time last year, the growth of funds was more than twice as much - about \$28,000 more than we had in March 2016. The fact that the growth is shrinking is to be expected considering we brought in about \$15,200 less in membership dues this year than last year. Nevertheless, the club's overall expenses are about \$20,000 less than what was budgeted. Please keep in mind that many of our expenses are not monthly, so this can change quite a bit from month to month.

To provide some details, we have spent about \$5,200 less than budgeted on Cost of Meals (bar food, chef payments, food for meals, kitchen supplies) and \$4,900 less on Lodge Utilities (gas, oil, electricity, phone, internet, sewer, trash, water), \$6,000 less on Lodge Operations (building repairs, fire safety, grounds keeping, plowing, property tax, etc), and \$3,000 less on Lodge Committee (electrical and plumbing repairs, mattress purchase and WW supplies). The Cost of Meals is about \$3,400 less than last year, Lodge Utilities \$500 more, Lodge Operations \$1,700 less, and Lodge Committee \$2,500 less.

Per the bylaws, the Executive Committee will be submitting a budget at the May meeting. My hope is that this can be released to the club at least a week in advance, like last year. To this end, the bylaws also require a Finance Committee be formed to help in this effort. If you would like to be part of this committee, which will probably meet (probably via e-mail) in March or April and will hopefully not take more than a few hours, let me know. It is a good opportunity to get a more in-depth view of the club's finances and to help steer the way for the coming years. Last year, this went very well—a good group volunteered their time to help put this important document together.

VI. 4. A Finance Committee, consisting of five (5) members, including a chairman, with the Treasurer and another member of the Executive Committee being ex-officio members, shall examine and periodically report to the membership on the capital and financial structure of the Club. It shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, prepare an annual budget covering operating expenses and capital improvements. Such budgets are to be submitted to the general membership for approval at the May meeting. It shall be charged with the responsibility to evaluate and recommend to the membership all possible ways and means available to the Club to meet its financial requirements. The Finance Committee shall meet at such time and place as its functions may require.

Hope to see you at the club.

Dan Connell
Lexington Ski Club Treasurer
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Membership Report

Good news to report: we have nine families in various stages of prospective membership! Thank you to those families that have recruited families and those who have stepped up to sponsor new members.

We had a membership committee meeting with Janice Sciaretta, Kristen Butler, and Cathy Fahy and met with Greg and Neide Hall and Alix and Ian Fox. It was a delightful evening.

Alix and Ian Fox attended the eboard meeting on March 6. They have completed all of their requirements for membership. If we hear no concerns in 14 days, they will be offered membership.

Joe Scholl

Membership Committee Chair

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