



The Yodeler

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December 2021

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LexSki Membership Meetings

December 21st, 2021 6-8 pm Holiday Party – Belmont Hill School, Chapel

What to bring: A-Fahy bring appetizers
 Filipi-O bring main dishes (enough for 6-8 people please)
 P-Z bring dessert

January 18th, 2021

Meeting – Location TBA

March 15th, 2021

Annual Meeting – Location TBA

President's Report (President@lexski.org)

Happy winter everyone. It's a slow start to snow but there is skiing up north! No group buying at Cannon this year, but you can still save by buying ahead of time online.

We are looking forward to a return to normalcy this year. However, we are asking those that are unvaccinated to please wear a mask in the lodge common areas. If you feel ill or have any cold symptoms, please stay home. We will again serve community meals at the lodge with Alden leading the way. Dan Butler is going to be helping with meal planning and can thank him for helping us reduce our dependence on the very expensive U.S. Foods!

The lodge chair tells us that the lodge is in good shape and ready for the ski season and thank you to those that completed a work weekend. We need everyone's help to keep the lodge operating. Please remember to send Cindy Darcy a code for the new entry touchpad...a welcome new technology for the club!

I look forward to seeing everyone up there, and hopefully we'll have lots of singing at dinnertime!

John

President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report (LodgeChair@lexski.org)

I only have a few items of news since the last Yodeler. As you may have seen in a recent email, we now have a new boot room door and a new lock to update our security. This new lock is electronic and allows us to set up to 250 different codes up to 8 digits long and to set time limits or temporary codes for contractors or delivery drivers. We want to create a unique code for each family so that if a family resigns, we can cancel the code without needing to change it for everyone. So far, we have allocated 30 codes, so we have about half of the families already in the system. If you have not yet sent me a code, please do so in a separate email to "lodgechair@lexski.org".

The kitchen is now fully operational with the gas connected to the range, and the hood connected to the fire alarm system. A Big thank you to Kevin Baker for making sure all the contractors involved with the hood did their thing.

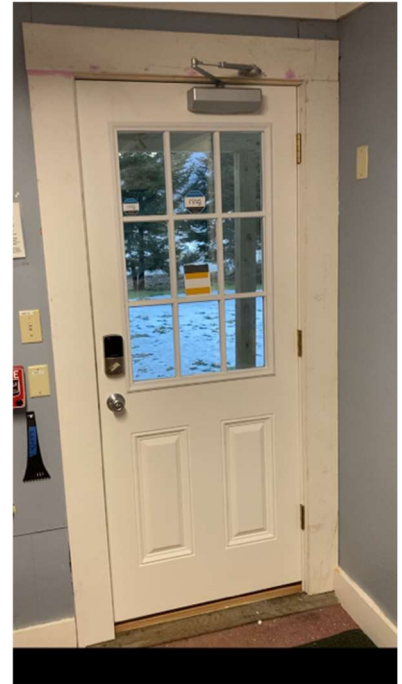
Kevin and I also had a couple of days fixing up some last minute items. We poured a concrete pad in the basement under the front door to relocate the compressor for the sprinkler system. This should help people sleeping in the motels who are woken in the middle of the night by the noise of it running. I also installed a sensor that tracks the runtime and frequency of the compressor, so we can see if there are any new air leaks.

Finally, the sprinklers for the walkway and new stairs are being fitted this week and range work will be done before the Christmas break.

Hope to see everyone soon at the lodge.

Peter

LodgeChair@LexSki.org



Social Report (Social@lexski.org)

The Holiday Party location is Belmont Hill School, Chapel see email for directions. It looks like we will have a nice turnout with about 50 people (20 families) attending this year's party including an annual visit from Ganta Claus. Please be sure to invite your prospective families. Masks must be worn for those not vaccinated and recommended to be worn when not eating or drinking.

We will have things to do for the children.

When- 6:00-8:00 pm (likely to run later). For those of you that would like to help, please come between 5:30-6:00.

Gifts -Ganta Claus will graciously hand out gifts that you bring for your children.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Eric Pearlman

Social@LexSki.org

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@lexski.org)

As of 12/5/21:

TD Operating Checking	\$44,136.35
TD Operating MM	\$20,117.92
Cap Improvement Fund MM:	\$41,654.45
Cap Improvement Donations:	\$ 2,160.00
Emergency Fund MM:	\$43,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS: \$151,568.72

The balance sheet of the club remains solid, and we have ample funds on hand as the season gets off to a start. This past month we received a settlement from Hanover Insurance for just under \$7,500 to reimburse us for the damage caused to the lodge's fire alarm system and furnace during a power surge/lightning storm over the summer. We also made progress paying several contractors who did work on our kitchen, and we are now waiting for a few final bills to roll in. As these bills are paid, you will continue to see the funds in our Capital Improvement Fund decrease. In a few weeks we expect to

have the remaining furniture delivered for the kitchen, and a few final contractors will finish some punch list items. It's great to report that Alden is back, and the kitchen is expected to be fully operational for the season! We have purchased some new pots and pans and other kitchen items, and I think members who cook at the club will be very pleased. Thanks also to Eric Pearlman, who donated several new kitchen items that we desperately needed.

Water Use: Recently the Town of Woodstock significantly increased the Water and Sewer rates and changed the way it calculates bills for water and sewer use. Even though the Town had not substantially adjusted rates in nearly 15 years, the size of the increase and the change in the way they calculate our bill is a bit unexpected and will certainly exceed what we allocated in our budget. This season, the cost of water and sewer is now expected to be about 300% higher than last year. Please keep conservation in mind and do your best to not waste water at the lodge. Waste has not been an issue in the past, but given the increased cost, it's worth a gentle reminder for everyone.

Thanks to the McCarthy's who coordinated the purchase and delivery of 3 new queen mattresses this month. We have resumed the annual replacement of a few mattresses each year, and next year I expect we will try to keep this ongoing process in place. We also replaced more than 40 pillows this year along with other worn bed and bath items, such as bathmats, trash barrels, and window blinds that were in disrepair. The lodge really does look great for the start of the season!

As we have done in the past at the start of ski season, I will upgrade our internet to provide increased bandwidth to keep the Wi-Fi working well when the lodge is busy, and YouTube TV will be reactivated by Christmas Vacation week. These services will remain through the end of the ski season in March. The TV's all have a Roku operating system, so you may also enable any of the services you use at home while staying at the lodge.

All of the Oreck vacuums have been serviced and should be working well, including one additional "new to us" vacuum that was recently purchased. The belts occasionally wear out on these commercial Oreck vacuums, so if you notice they are not working right it may just be the belt. Spare belts have been purchased and you can find them hanging on a hook in the upstairs closet. It is an easy fix with just a Phillips screwdriver.

Lastly, but most importantly, please make sure that you are using **ONLY** the new "Blue" 2021-2022 Reservation form. If you are hosting, please strictly enforce this requirement.

Kevin Baker
treasurer@lexski.org

Membership Report (Membership@lexski.org)

Our membership pipeline continues to be strong, with 2 new families submitting applications since October. I'm pleased to introduce the following prospective members:

Chuck and Jay Cullen- Chuck is Irene Gravina's brother, and grew up in the club! They currently live in Scituate. I look forward to hearing some stories of how the club "used to be". Chuck and his wife Jay will be going through the prospective member process with Betsy Stanford and Jeanne Sebell as their sponsors.

Courtney Cole - Courtney is someone I've known for a number of years and have skied with at both Sunday River and Loon. She lives in Newton, is a professor at Regis College, and has 2 sons- Cole (age 9) and Corwin (age 6). Corwin is a self-described "beast" skier. Myself and Marsha Fox are her sponsors.

Prospective Members, just a reminder that **in order for your attendance at a Club Meeting to count towards the requirement, it must be in person.** Zoom attendance does not count (the point of the club meeting attendance being a chance for the membership to meet you in person and get to know you a bit).

Sponsor families, as we approach the start of ski season, please remember to be available for any questions your prospective member family may have, and to help them with the reservation process. (With the club basically being closed last year, you might want to proactively reach out to them and introduce yourself again!) Here's a breakdown of the prospective families and their sponsors:

Prospective Members In Process:

Last Name	Sponsor 1	Sponsor 2	Club Meeting	Lodge Visit 1	Lodge Visit 2
Bard-Ellsworth	O'Donnell	Butler			
Bell	McVeigh	Darcy			
Calhoun	Aliamo	Martin			
Cole	Garrigus	M. Fox			
Cullen	Stanford	Sebell			
Forman	Ehrbar	Cotran	Done		
Hall	Colburn	Pinsky	Done	Done	
Johnson	Baker	McCarthy	Done		
Laviano	White	Garrigus			
Leitch	Yasaitis	Vogel		Done	
Smith	Connell	Pearlman	Done	Done	
Weinstein	Redmon	Chan	Done		

Prospective members on hold:

Parchev (no requirements completed)

Completed Process, holding on Activating Membership

Coakley

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

Cherven

Davis

Dupill

Eaton (on hold, due to injury)

Qi

Salerno

Marc Garrigus

Membership@LexSki.org

Communication Report (Info@lexski.org)

If you wish to send an email to the EBoard please use: eboard@lexski.org

Please remember to check when you reply to an email, is it addressed to the whole membership or to the original sender.

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
11/16/2021

Attendance: 33 members attended. Five guests attended: Adam and Kate Weinstein, Robert Calhoun, Jamie and Karin Laviano. (The Weinstains attended in person, the other guests were via Zoom.)

Membership: There are five families that have submitted an application in the past year to join the club, along with ten additional families that submitted an earlier application. There are six pre-prospective families that have expressed some interest in the club. The Coakley family has completed all requirements for joining, but is holding on activating membership.

Activities: Oktoberfest was a successful outdoor event held at the Belmont Hill School. Chris Alaimo and Lou Savarion hosted a hiking themed weekend in October that was enjoyed by many members.

The club's December holiday party will be held at Belmont Hill School. (First Parish Church, where we usually hold our meetings, is not yet open for such events.)

Could have a ping pong tournament over the MLK weekend.

Eric Pearlman will send out swag questionnaire soon to ask what sort items members are interested in. (e.g. t-shirt, hat, fleece)

Communications: The web site is up to date with member lists, priority numbers and the host list. Please check to see when/if you are hosting this ski season.

December 6 at 9:00 PM is the due date for reservations forms for the New Year's holiday vacation, in order to get your priority number in effect. The reservation form will soon be posted on the web site.

Please remove members@lexski.org from your e-mail contacts list and use lexskiclub@googlegroups.com. (The latter is better at reaching everybody and avoiding accidental "reply all" responses.) Please use eboard@lexski.org to reach all the members of the E-Board.

A new reservation form will soon be posted on the website. Once it is available, please use it rather than any older forms you may have on your computer.

Covid: Unvaccinated people need to wear masks inside the lodge, except when eating or drinking, or in your personal bedroom. (No changes here, just a reminder.)

No health form is needed this year – your reservation form has the information needed for any contact tracing.

Treasurer: The club is in good financial shape and is on track to have plenty of operating funds. There is currently \$30,000 in the improvements fund, but some bills from contractors have not been received yet.

The lightning strike over the summer resulted in a \$8,500 claim; our deductible is \$1,000.

Hosts: Please make sure members are using the new reservation form and ask them to re-submit if they use an old form. (The new form has "2021-2022" near the top with a blue background, making it easy to tell at a glance if the form is current.) Hosts can scan reservation forms if you want (rather than sending the paper forms to Kevin Baker) – a PDF with all the forms in one file is best.

Kevin Baker worked with an accountant to file our tax filing for the past year, given the complexity of the return with the new loan. The accountant reviewed our accounting and said things looked good.

When Alden is on duty, please stay out of the kitchen unless you have an assigned breakfast or dinner duty. Parents: please make sure your children stay out of the kitchen.

Lodge: Thank you to all the people who attended work weekends this year.

Dead River will be moving the stove on December 17 and it will be inspected on December 20. The heating is working and new furniture (tables and shelves) has been ordered. The new fire hood has an emergency switch near the sink. All bedding has been washed, and there are new pillows and protectors.

Peter Hardman will be stepping down after this term. (The election is in March.) He is happy to happy the next Lodge Chair – you don't need to be handy, just organized.

Submitted Respectfully,

Cindy Darcy
Secretary

Rita and Tom McCarthy were at the lodge during the meeting and gave a Zoom tour of the kitchen. All the improvements are looking great!