

The Yodeler

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January 2020

Executive Board

President: *John Pinsky*

Vice President & Lodge Chair: *Peter Hardman*

Secretary: *Cindy Darcy*

Treasurer: *Kevin Baker*

Membership: *Lorelle and Les Yee*

Activities: *Eric Pearlman*

Communications: *Kristen Butler*

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.

January 21, 2020, 7:30-9:00: Meeting

Hosts: Colby, Connell, Cotran/Kelly

March 17, 2020, 7:30-9:00: Meeting

Hosts: Darcy, Doctoroff, Eckford

President's Report

The lodge is in full swing, though the conditions have been challenging! Hopefully everyone has noticed that the club is warmer thanks to all the new attic insulation that Peter Hardman spearheaded.

One note, and this is an ongoing problem, if you use a glass or mug in the evening, please remember that it is your responsibility to wash it and put it back on the shelf in the dining room. It is not the job of the families on breakfast duty or Alden to wash your dirty glasses. In addition, the supply room off the dining room stores food for club use only. It is not a random snack room for members to forage through. Shoes or slippers must be worn at all times. We don't want anyone stepping on an errant nail or staple.

The March membership meeting is coming up, and we will be electing new officers to the E-Board. I want to thank the nomination committee for all their efforts. They completed their task of finding all replacements, although if anyone wants to make a nomination from the floor, they are welcome to do so.

I hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

John (jpinsky@one2onebodyscapes.com)

President

Lodge Report

Everything at the lodge is currently going smoothly, with no major problems to report. We are experiencing some performance issues with the heating in the motels, probably due to the mild weather

and the improvements to the insulation in the attic. It means the heating is not on for long enough for heat to reach the furthest corners of the building. We are managing this by tuning the radiators in the main lodge and increasing the thermostat temperature a little in the boot room. Please bear with my as we figure this out. Please do not change the settings on the radiators or bring any of the heaters from the attic into the motels. These are for emergencies only.

I will be adding more temperature sensors so we can monitor more rooms to see where we have issues. These will take advantage of the improvements to the WiFi in the building to give better monitoring. In addition to the WiFi upgrades we have added a new Smart TV to the TV room, along with moving the old TV to the dining room and adding a Roku box to make this TV smart too. To help prevent damage to the dining room tv when playing ping pong, please move the table further from the wall. If you are unsure, ask as there are folks who know about the new setup. Also note that the table is currently hard to fold up and down due to some bent parts. Please be careful to avoid further damage to these parts. More are on order, and may be installed by the time you read this.

We have added Ring security cameras to the front and rear entrances, and finally by the time you read this we will have added an automatic oil level monitor that will show the real time oil tank level, so that we should not run dry this year.

There is still finishing work going on, on the rear porch, and this will be followed up by sprinkler reinstallation. This work will be happening during weekdays, and will be somewhat weather dependent so bear with us as this is completed.

We are expecting the two large pine trees in the backyard and parking lot to be removed in the next few weeks. We will announce the exact date when we hear from the tree company.

Finally, I am planning to have some lodge committee meetings early this year to discuss and plan work starting in late April through till the fall. All families who have not attended a lodge meeting are required to send at least one adult to these meetings, but I also welcome any other members who wish to attend and can help plan, and run some of the projects. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Jan 28th at Belmont Hill School, with the second 2 weeks later. (Thanks to Dan Butler for providing the Venue). If you are planning on attending please let me know in advance).

Peter Hardman
Lodge Chair/Vice President

Social Report:

After a great turnout for the Holiday party including a visit from Ganta Claus we turn our attention to fun up north at the club.

MLK weekend – Saturday - Hawaiian Night - Bring your leis, grass skirts and coconuts for a Hawaiian themed night. Can anyone say Piña Colada!

Presidents weekend – Sunday - Pizza and birthday cake night! The kids will make their own pizza and everyone celebrating a birthday during ski season is welcome to put their name on a sheet cake that will be provided.

St. Patrick's Day-

An early celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 14. Details TBD.

Eric Pearlman
Social Chair

Treasurer's Report:

(As of 1/14/2019):

TD Bank

Money Mkt	\$	57,908.52	
Emergency Fund MM	\$	43,500.00	Approx. 6 months operating expenses
Cap Improvement Fund MM	\$	21,836.67	
Cap Improvement Donations	\$	970.00	(Donations above and beyond Dues, for special projects)
Checking	\$	9,885.76	
<u>BNE Escrow Funds</u>	\$	<u>32,198.91</u>	
Total:	\$	166,299.86	

As December 2019 wrapped up, we ended the month with approximately \$43K less than we had in our accounts at the end of November. In December, we made payments totaling approximately \$38K to contactors for construction related to the Porch Collapse/Ice Dam repair projects, which accounted for most of the spending for the month. Our lodge operation costs were approximately \$3K for the month, which was artificially low. Much of this had to do with invoicing dates, as large Oil and Food invoices in December were paid after January 1st and as a result will be reflected in next month's report. It was also a very slow revenue month, with no income related to meal or guest fees.

In December, we also invested approximately \$1,500 in a major upgrade to the lodge's internet network. This upgrade provided the infrastructure that allowed us to transition to YoutubeTV, which will save us at least \$700 and possibly over \$1000 a year compared to our previous cable TV provider. Thanks to the network upgrades, members have likely already noticed that the WiFi throughout the lodge is far more robust and reliable throughout the building, even on the busiest of weekends. Our telephone conversion to a much more affordable VOIP line is also complete, and our original number, 603-745-8585 is back in service.

One important reminder for all members is to be certain not to use plastic liners when disposing of recycling in the recycling dumpster. Waste Management does not allow plastic bags (barrel liners) to be recycled. Please dump the contents of the recycling into the recycling dumpster without a bag! If you notice a liner has been placed in the recycling dumpster, please remove it and toss it in the trash dumpster. This will ensure that we don't incur extra trash fees or skipped collections.

Kevin Baker
Treasurer
617-293-9545

Membership Report

The Membership Committee is happy to announce that the Gelfand/Nichols family have completed the prospective membership process and their application has been approved by the E-board. Any reservations or concerns regarding the prospective family should be communicated to the Membership Committee within 14 days of the publishing of this Yodeler.

The Membership Committee continues to make progress building our pipeline with four active families at the Prospective stage -- the Filipi/Acosta, the Bell Family, the Coakley Family, and/or the Goudreau Family. As you all know, the Prospective stage is critical to understanding the Club

membership and determining if we are a good fit for them and if they are a good fit for us, please extend yourselves to them and answer any questions they have.

In January and February, you can expect to see some pre-prospectives also visiting the Club for the first time. Those pre-Prospectives include -- the Davis family, the Smith family, the Drummond Family, the Oates family, and the Leitch family.

Our best prospectives continue to come from our existing members. Please keep those references coming!

Thank you,

Lorelle and Les Yee, Membership Co-Chairs
leslieyee@yahoo.com

Communication Report

As we update the website, there may be things that look broken, please let me know if there is anything that you can't find. The following forms have been updated:

[2019-20 season priority numbers](#)

[2019-20 Host information](#)

[Member List](#)

[Reservation Form](#)

[NEW Reimbursement Form](#)

If you haven't already joined our Facebook page please reach out. This is a closed Facebook page.

Please send me a great photo of your family to include in our directory.

Kristen Butler
Communication

Lexington Ski Club
Membership meeting minutes
11/19/19

34 members were in attendance.

One guest was in attendance: Paul Goodreau.

The minutes from the October 15 meeting were approved with this correction about money for a new range and hood:

There is some unallocated lodge improvement money - this could be used to help pay for a new range and/or hood.

The by-laws were amended to require new members have one adult participate on a committee for during their second year of membership. The by-law now reads:

D. When each family or derivative becomes a new member, one adult will be required to participate on the Lodge Committee for a period of one year following acceptance into the Club. Additionally, in the following year, one adult will be required to participate for a period of one year on a committee of his or her choice.

The by-laws were also amended to allow the April and June meetings to be on a day other than the third Tuesday of the month. The by-law now reads:

2. Monthly meetings are to be held on the third Tuesday of these months: October, November, December, January, March, April, May, and June. If the April meeting occurs during school vacation, the meeting is to be held on the preceding Tuesday instead. The Activities Chairman may, with Executive Committee approval, change the date of the April and/or the June meeting to another day in the month.

Nominating Committee:

Names were drawn to select the nominating committee.

Marc Garrigus (chairman), Julie McVeigh, John Gardner, Lisa Scholl, Kate Colburn, Anne Kelly, Scott Kourian. Currently, all officers on the e-board are planning to serve another term. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please speak to someone on the nominating committee. The nominating committee is responsible for presenting a nomination for each position on the board at the January meeting.

Lodge:

The back is framed, but the roof is not quite finished. The roof may not be finished before snow, but the contractor will have it be water tight.

Rooms 3, 4, and 6 have electrical issues, and the electrician is working on it.

The furnace has been serviced.

The attic insulation is complete. Two windows have been sealed up, and will be replaced in the spring or summer.

The plumber fixed the issue with the hot water where pressure would drop shortly after being turned on. The problem was mixer valve that had gotten silted up.

We will get new smart TV that can work with internet service and the old one will be moved to the dining room.

We will switch the phone service to Voice over internet protocol (VOIP), while will save a lot of money.

We are getting and installing new WiFi equipment to improve the network.

We will get and install two security cameras to monitor the boot room doors. They will be motion activated and store their imagery.

Communications:

Kristen Butler is working on overhauling the club web site. She would like members to submit digital pictures that will be on the website.

Kristen wants to eventually set up club e-mail addresses, such info@lexski.org and treasurer@lexski.org.

Mon Dec. 2 is the deadline for New Year's vacation period reservation forms to get your full priority number. Please submit reservation forms to the reservation committee.

Social:

The December meeting will be our annual holiday pot luck party, starting at 6:00. (Set up begins at 5:30.) Santa Claus will be there – parents who want their child to have a present from him should be bring a wrapped gift with a label – please write large – Santa eyes are not young.

Eric Pearlman is looking for volunteers to help with game planning.

Membership:

We have 43 member families, 3 derivatives, and 1 alumni family.

We have 3 prospective families.

There are 8 families in the pre-prospective pipe line. We will people to host them for an initial visit, and then to sponsor them (if they choose to become prospective.)

New Business:

Betsy Stanford would like to have a waiver that would allow non-members to participate in a work weekend. Bill Sciaretta explained that the restriction was put into place to avoid the possibility of a non-member getting hurt and then suing the club or its officers. (This happened to a Bedford organization.) We will contact our insurer about this issue.

Submitted respectfully yours,

Cindy Darcy