

The Yodeler

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October 2020

Executive Board

President: *John Pinsky*

Vice President & Lodge Chair: *Peter Hardman*

Secretary: *Cindy Darcy*

Treasurer: *Kevin Baker*

Membership: *Marc Garrigus*

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.

October 20, 2020, 7:30-9:00: Meeting VIRTUAL

November 17, 2020, 7:30-9:00 Meeting VIRTUAL

President's Report

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer, given the situation. It seemed like the club got a decent amount of use. Now the skiing season is upon us. It will be difficult season for the lodge, and we hope this is just a one season thing!

We will not be having the normal Oktoberfest this year but will be having a business meeting in order to update the progress of the reconstruction, which is going very well, and to discuss our COVID policy proposals for the ski season.

Our membership is currently at 43 families, but thanks to Les and Lorelle, the membership committee, and many of our members, we have 3 families that should be able to join this year and approximately 10 expressing strong interest. Marc Garrigus has now taken over the membership chair and is motivated to keep the members rolling in! We will need sponsors for these families. So please answer the call. Also, if you know of any families you think would be a good fit, now would be a great time to encourage them to join. Our new friends and family policy eliminates the geographic requirement.

Hope to see everyone at Oktoberfest meeting!

John

President@LexSki.org

Lodge Report

Work continues on the lodge improvements. We will be completing the work on the back windows and doors and siding shortly. There have been some delays with the doors arriving, so at the time of writing the rear boot room door is blocked off after the wall was rebuilt. All rotten sections, including the foundation sill under the boot room wall have been replaced. The next work will be the front walkway and stairs at the end of the family wing. As before work will occur mainly during the week, so if you are there midweek please be aware that there will be construction and some disruption.

The sprinkler system has recently been checked for leaks after there was some concern that the compressor was running often. I have been advised that the system is operating normally and is holding pressure as well as we can be expected.

For people planning to be at the club in the next few weeks please note that the shower in Motel3 is not working. The mixing valve is likely clogged with scale or sediment. I will try to get this looked at in the next few weeks.

If there are any other items which need to be taken care of please let me know.

Thanks

Peter
LodgeChair@LexSki.org

Treasurer's Report

As of 9/26/20:

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| TD Operating Checking | \$39,866.19 |
| TD EIDL Checking | \$ 7,778.79 |
| TD Operating MM | \$25,120.00 |
| Cap Improvement Fund MM: | \$76,787.38 |
| Cap Improvement Donations: | \$ 1,725.00 |
| Emergency Fund MM: | \$43,500.00 |

TOTAL FUNDS: \$194,777.36

As this strange and unpredictable ski season approaches, we are fortunate to be in a solid financial position. In the budget approved by the Membership in June, we had budgeted to collect \$70,500.00 in membership dues. Our actual receipts were \$74,122.25, a difference of +\$3,622.25 or approx. 5% more than expected. However, this is still about \$6,000 less than we had collected in dues last year, so we do have our work cut out for us regarding recruitment of new members for the long term.

Since this fiscal year began in July, we have incurred \$50,384.73 in construction expenses for the ongoing exterior projects underway at the lodge. It is anticipated that we will spend approximately an additional \$45,000 this year related to construction projects that the E-Board has approved.

I have made it a priority to reduce our operating expenses as much as possible, especially this year, where our revenues will be lower than past years. One of our largest ongoing expenses is the trash/recycling service. It costs about \$250 per dumpster, per pick-up. To reduce costs, we have switched this service to an on-call basis, and the dumpsters will only be emptied when we request it, rather than former monthly (off-season) or bi-weekly (ski-season) schedule.

For this to work, if you are at the club and note that either dumpster is 90% full or more, please send an email to emptythetrash@lexski.org. Remember to include which dumpster needs servicing (trash or recycling or both), and either Peter or I will contact Waste Management to schedule a pick-up. This email address will also be posted at the lodge in the kitchen area. I am hopeful this will save a considerable amount of money this season.

A new Reservation Form will be published soon. Once this new Res form is published, please make sure to only use the new form for all reservations.

The new Treasurer email account is up and running. Going forward, please use treasurer@lexski.org for all matters where you need to email me.

Kevin Baker
617-293-9545

Social Report:

Unfortunately, our October and December in person get togethers are cancelled. I am working on gift ideas for members and perhaps a Zoom call with Ganta Claus during the December meeting so our younger members can stay connected.

Eric Pearlman
Social Chair
Social@LexSki.org

Membership Report

The Membership Committee is now chaired by Marc Garrigus, who has taken over from Les and Lorelle Yee. Thanks for your service Les and Lorelle! The current status of the membership pipeline is as follows:

Completed Process, holding on Membership

Coakley
Goudreau

Prospective Members In Process

Bell
Hall
Leitch
Smith

Pre-Prospective Families

Davis
Dupill
Qi
Bard
Hall
Salerno

Our best prospectives continue to come from our existing members, please keep those references coming to membership@lexski.org!

Marc Garrigus
Membership@LexSki.org

Communication Report

Only a few families have sent me their family photos, please send me a great photo of your family to include in our directory, it does not have to be a ski photo, but it does need to show everyone's face. We'd like to have this be available to the members by the beginning of the ski season.

We are gathering all documents that people have created through the years regarding the Club. If you have diagrams, documentation, photos or information about the Club, please send it to me at info@lexski.org so that we can gather it and have it available for us to use and update.

Kristen Butler
Communication
Info@LexSki.org

Lexington Ski Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
6/16/2020

Membership: Coakley family has been approved. Due to pandemic, they want to remain prospective members for the coming year. Goodreau family is also planning to stay prospective members.

Social: The Gran Fondo will be run locally this year.

Treasurer: Paid for sprinkler work on porches.

Lodge: The contractor (Matt) will begin to work on the roof soon.

Operations: The lodge is again available for members to use. No sharing of bathrooms. No teens using dorms separate from families. (A single family can use one dorm.) Priority numbers have been set up for the off season. Please contact the host before heading up to the lodge. The host will use priority numbers to decide who can have a room if demand exceeds the supply.

Loan: Proposal to take out EIDL loan of \$46,800. Membership discussed and those present in favor of approving the loan. Not enough members were present at the meeting to form a quorum, so voting was done via e-mail over the following week. The membership approved the loan.

Submitted respectfully,

Cindy Darcy
Secretary@LexSki.org