

**River Hills Ski Club General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**December 6, 2016**  
**Began at 8pm & Closed at 9pm**

President Rod Cross opened meeting:

Heather Lopresti, Social Chair, is ill, but recovering nicely.

John & Kelly Swingler will host our annual Christmas Party 12/15 at their home in Stamford. Please come & wear an “ugly/silly” Christmas sweater; bring a heavy appetizer & an item to donate to the homeless.

Bulk Tickets are here—Bob Henner will distribute. Please let us have NO returns—of course, you can transfer them to another club member—use Facebook to advertise this need.

Killington Lift Chair—we need an additional \$140 to meet the goal of \$300. We plan to hang it at our entrance—where the grill is right now.

Mattresses, as you know, are in & good. Covers, if not on, are folded on each bed. If soiled, please remove, take home to wash & return to lodge. We have extras to cover beds in the meantime.

**Rates:**

--Chrissy, chef, will stock the house on 12/20

--From 12/20-12/26 there is no cook & therefore, we will use in season weekly rates of \$20/night; as of 12/26 will have cook & season rates for holiday weeks begins. House almost full for Xmas week—please use lodge for spring, Summer & Fall.

--Stephanie is going to analyze our fixed costs for a cook, food & dishwasher so we can better determine our rates.

**Membership:** Lori

--As of today, there are 85 adult members, 16 children; we have 3 new members—Doug, Sam & Amanda; there are 2 prospective members; PLEASE think about recruiting members—try & soften the “rules” a bit—have them come to a party, come up to the house first before we hit them with the volunteer work; when we bring in someone for membership, think flexibility; stress how clean, safe, nice environment, great kids room—very family friendly. Have them come to a work weekend.

--Lori has the vouchers that were not picked up at the last meeting. Remember the “Opt Out” fee covered a lot of much needed items at the Lodge that had been missing for several years.

**Financial:** Stephanie

--\$22,677 in bank account (after mattresses); we have paid ½ of our taxes; paid ½ of our insurance. Our financial goal for this season is \$30,000. We are in a recovery mode—yes, there will be a small assessment for mattresses—bills go out mid-January & will be due late February/early March.

**Administration (Cont.)**

--2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of January is “college kids week” at Killington; good discount on ski lift tickets—Sheila Evers will be the coordinator—there will be a special rate for guests that week—why..planting seed for future membership

**Lodge Coordinator:** Sharon

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--Coordinator training offered as a Webinar via "Zoom" for those who missed the meeting. We plan to have a video available of a walkthrough of opening/closing procedures shortly.

--Coordinator—make deposit ASAP & get reports to Asst. Treas. immediately.

From the floor:

Lisa Nau suggested that we bring people to fun events & send out of "snow condition" email blast to encourage lodge usage. NB It has already been implemented.

Respectfully submitted by  
Deirdre Campbell, Secretary