



Newsletter

The President's Message - July 2021

The Club's bank balance will cover about a year of our regular expenses, minus any revenue from membership dues, making 2021-22 possibly our final year as a club.

The Board would like your input on how to structure this possible last year. The East Side Club has increased its hall rental fee which prompted me to look for other meeting locations.

I contacted several venues about hosting nine meetings and the results ranged from \$1,125 to \$3,000. Bands would cost \$2,860 plus incidentals like popcorn and Christmas prizes bumps

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Clubs Responding to Hosting Inquiries

East Side Club \$300

Double Days CTH BB east of Cottage Grove, \$200

American Legion Stoughton \$250, requires our set up and reset chairs and tables.

VFW Stoughton \$125 available possibly Wednesday or Thursday nights

VFW Cottage Grove Rd. \$200, available Wednesday nights.

Four other clubs didn't respond or hadn't determined a rental cost as of June 15.

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The cost of holding the meetings/dances this year at The East Side Club to \$6,226. We have about \$7,700 in the bank without collecting any member dues.

See the Club's financials on Page 3 for more details.

Seventeen members responded to the request in the April newsletter for input on the Club's future. The majority of the responses favored ending the meetings, the dances, the website and mailing a hard copy of the newsletter.

Sixteen favored keeping the TGIFs, summer picnics, socializing on the second Tuesday and meeting presumably at a local bar. A few suggested posting the newsletter only to the Club's Facebook page to allow the website to be closed.

More suggestions included, celebrating the club's final year with a big party like the Club's 50th anniversary, and holding an annual party at a park or indoors. Finally, increasing annual dues from \$15 to \$30 and charging \$10 for admission to meetings/dances.

A note about some of the suggestions:

-About 50 members subscribe to the mailed newsletter as many of them do not have internet access or use email. The Club has a \$235 credit on account with newsletter publisher.

-The Club's Facebook page gets very little attention although closing the website would increase attention from those members who have internet access.

-If the membership chooses to disband, the Club's remaining funds would be donated to a charity or charities chosen by the Board, according to the by-laws.

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Labor Day Picnic Sept. 6 2- 6 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of food, friends and fun to end the summer. Adult guests are welcome. The Labor Day Picnic is a great opportunity to introduce newcomers to Skilaufers.

We'll have volleyball and other games, and of course, lots of food. The club will provide plates, napkins, utensils, and charcoal for the grill. Bring your own beverages, a dish to pass, meat to grill (optional), and picnic games to enjoy.



Directions from Madison:

US 14 south from Beltline Highway to Lacy Rd exit, turn right on Lacy Rd. to a right on CTH MM, Turn left on McCoy to CTH MM. Turn right on MM to a right turn on Goodland Park Rd., follow to Goodland Park, Shelter # 1, 2862 Waubesa Ave. Madison

Club Financials as of April 30, 2021

Typical and expected expenses

Hall rental \$2700
 Bands \$2860
 Newsletter \$500
 Website \$99
 Popcorn \$191
 Christmas party \$175
 Picnics shelter, supplies \$220
 PO Box \$118
 Total \$6863

Available revenue

Checking \$7,562
In a typical year, member dues total \$1,510
Non-member dance entry raises \$300

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The Board would like your input by July 15 on the Club's future, even if you have already responded. Indicate as many non-contradictory choices as you'd like.

Choices include:

Continue monthly meetings/dances

at The East Side Club

at Double Days

at VFW Cottage Grove Rd

at American Legion Stoughton

at VFW Stoughton

Instead, meet second Tuesday monthly at a local bar without music or dancing.

Cancel website

Cancel mailed newsletter

Retain TGIFs

Retain summer picnics

Change annual dues from \$15 to \$_____

Meet monthly minus dancing, hold 55th anniversary party and dissolve the Club.

Continue meeting and dancing expenses, hold a 55th anniversary party with remaining funds and dissolve the Club.

Other suggestions:

Please, email your choices/comments to: craarmy@yahoo.com Or, mail to:

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