

# Greater Jefferson-German Lakes Association

## Board Meeting

November 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Hass at 6:45 at the home of Buster West.

Attendance: Ryan Barney, Denny Miller, Dave Sunderman, Scott Hass, and Buster West.

Secretary's report approved as emailed.

Treasurer's report approved (West, Sunderman). The checking balance is \$6,752.89.

Association Management software topic was tabled until Arne and/or Doug could attend.

Boat pass clean-out was tabled.

Exotic species grant meeting is set for December 7. The purpose is to take input from Fisheries and the DNR and to set up a schedule for future public meetings.

Dave Sunderman reports that the Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) met. There was discussion of ideas to promote keeping the lakes clean. One idea was to rent a billboard to promote buffers. Another was to send letters to the editors of local papers. There is a chance that Kathy Brockway will be addressing the Statewide COLA meeting in November. The next COLA meeting is set for January 13.

There was a request from a member to provide email addresses so she can promote a fundraiser for purchase of chemicals to control weeds in German. This was denied since we have promised not to share email addresses. It was suggested that information could be distributed in the newsletter if an article were written. The proposed public meetings on this issue could also be a place where contacts could be made.

Buster reported that we now have email addresses for 172 members. In two situations, current members collected and sent to us the addresses for several neighbors. That was very helpful.

The cost of maintaining the warning sirens on the Lake was discussed. The cost of electricity, insurance and maintenance on the warning sirens that protect all of the property owners on or near the lake, as well as all of the public who use the lake, is currently being funded only by the Lake Association. The question was raised if this was really fair. People in town don't have just a few people pay the cost for the sirens that protect the whole town. It was decided to wait until the new commissioners are serving and contact them.

We had requested an audit of our books with the transfer of the treasurer position from Jacque Menk to Ryan Barney. On September 13 we received a report from Larson Allen that stated "We have looked at the accounting entries for the organization made through July 12, 2010. We also reviewed the monthly bank statements for the organization. The accounting entries were in excellent form and appear to properly record the operations of the organization, as reflected in the monthly bank statements."

There was no new news concerning the county's request for a grant to do a septic inventory.

Respectfully submitted,

| Warren "Buster" West  
Secretary