**Jefferson-German Lake Association Board Minutes**

**December 12, 2012**

**At the home of Buster West**

**Present:** Scott Haas, Buster West, Arne Jessen, Larry Wasmund, Steve Schulte

 Absent: Rick Conners, Bob Schuttloffel

**The meeting was called to order** by President Haas at 6:30 PM.

**Minutes** of the 11-5-2012 meeting were (copy attached) distributed by email, at the meeting, & **approved** **m/s/c.**

**Treasurer’s Report** was distributed, (copy attached) discussed, and approved **m/s/c.**

**Database** – Copies of email with Wild Apricot re how to use the software more effectively were distributed and discussed. The Treasurer distributed a draft of a letter to the membership which was discussed and revised. It was **m/s/c** that the treasurer be authorized to send a Christmas Greeting letter to the membership reminding all to pay their 2012 and 2013 lake association dues.

**Newsletter** – The Newsletter is sent to 900 on the mailing list 4 times a year. Ways to cover the cost of the Newsletter were discussed in lieu of the fact that less than a third receiving the newsletter pay association dues. In addition to the Newsletter there are major costs i.e. sirens, website, and matching funds for grants to improve water management. Possible options discussed were: raising the cost of advertising in the Newsletter, reducing the number of persons receiving the Newsletter, raising dues for members.

**Increase in Membership Dues** – It was **m/s/c** to increase the basic annual membership dues from $20 to $25 beginning with the calendar year January – December, 2013.

**COLA (Tri County Coalition of Lake Associations)** - Copies of email correspondence and October minutes were distributed. There were no meetings in November or December. COLA normally meets 4 times a year. Scheduled meetings for 2013 are: February 7, April 11, June 13 and October 10.

**Lake Water Management Plan – m/s/c** that the Januarymeeting be primarily devoted to a review, discussion and action needed to complete the plan, which will be presented by Arne and Scott.

**Boat Passes** - Steve Schulte distributed two bids from: 1. Thomas Hoehn, Drainage and Excavation, LLC; and

 2. Holtmeier Construction, INC. These were discussed. It was **m/s/c** to accept the Holtmeyer proposal and authorized him to proceed as soon as possible.

**Septic Survey** - The results will be presented to the County Commissioners by Miller after January 1, 2013.

**Zoning Meeting** - The proposed zoning changes in Le Sueur County were not voted on at the County Commissioners’ meeting, December 11, 2012. President Scott attended and spoke at the meeting.

**Adjournment** – m/s/c to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Arne Jessen, Secretary