Greater Jefferson German Lakes Association Organizational meeting

August 13, 2009

Meeting was called to order at Buster West’s home by President Scott Hass.  Also present were Gary Frank, Bud Warmka, Steve Schulte, and Lauren Klement (LeSueur County).

Motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer report was carried (Motion by Gary, second by Bud).

Motion to re-elect the current slate of officers was carried (Motion by Gary second by Steve).  Officers will continue with Scott Hass as President, Melissa Schaefer as Vice President, and Jacque Menk as Secretary/Treasurer.

Lauren had the following reports to the board:

* There is nothing new to report on the TMDL study.
* The Cannon River Partnership has funding for helping our sewer district.  This money could be used for solving problems within the district (not restricted to bringing in city sewer).  The county could not find their list of volunteers so we provided Lauren with a copy of the list.
* Responding to several concerns about the cattle in Swede’s Bay, Lauren talked to the farmer involved.  He has voluntarily agreed to fence his cattle out of the lake (even though there is no law requiring it).
* There is still some limited money for rain gardens with a number of people having already applied.  Lauren is looking for more funding sources.

Steve Schulte reported the fishing contest was successful (22 boats), despite a conflict with another tournament.

With the water relatively low, discussion of dredging the boat passes between West and Middle, Middle and East, East and Swede’s Bay, and East and German.  Scott will contact Zimmermans about the cost of the work.  Steve Schulte will talk to James Brothers.

Motion to purchase 10 books (Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality).  One is to be given to each board member for purpose of checking them out to interested lake property owners.  Buster will order them.  Carried (Buster, Gary).

We discussed getting an email list for faster communications with people on the lake.  This year there was a health concern on the lake and there was a need for gathering information to see how widespread the symptoms were.  Our only options were the website and the next newsletter.  There have also been seminars and meetings that were too late for the newsletter.  It was decided that we would put a notice on the website and that we would put a notice in the next newsletter requesting email addresses for the purpose of email alerts.  With a good response, we could also save a lot on the cost of mailing our newsletters.  People would be encouraged to send their email address to Jacque.  We would assure them that we would not share their address with anyone else.

Motion to adjourn carried.  (Gary, Steve)

Submitted by Buster West, acting secretary