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## **Mission: To improve and preserve water quality of the Jefferson-German Chain of Lakes and advocate clean water for current and future generations.**

Date: October 24, 2021; 1:00 p.m.

Location: Ralph Redding home: 26690 Sioux Trail

1. Call to Order: Ralph Redding, Board President
2. Board Members Attending: Ralph Redding, Dave Tripp, Carol Burns, Jill Steffen; Guest- Mike Burns
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
   * Question- Is Sam the administrator of our Facebook page or is it still Scott?
   * Motion to approve minutes: Jill; second Carol
4. Approval of the Agenda
   * Motion to approve the agenda: Dave; second Jill
5. Reports
   * President’s Report: Ralph Redding
     + Nothing new to report. He recently received information about the Conservation tour from Mike Schulz, Director of LeSueur County Soil and Water Conservation District Water. A map and link for the auto tour was emailed to Board Members.
   * Treasurer’s Report: Dave Tripp
     + HomeTown Bank= 43,039.77
     + Pay Pal= $213.61
     + AIS balance to come during AIS report
       - There may be more dollars and expenses coming in
     + No accounts payable at this time.
     + Motion to approve Treasure’s Report: Jill; second Ralph
     + UPDATE on 10/25/2021: The Lake Improvement Consulting donations have been retracted from the Spray Account and left in our General Fund Account.  The CLP Delineation Surveys of Middle and West Jefferson, required by the State for our 2021 grants, has been added to the Expense section.

Old Business

Sponsorship Contacts: Lake Boys; others?

* + Sam had talked to them a year or so ago. Lake Boys would come on if there could be advertising in the newsletter. Should we decide to do this for them, we would need to do this for every sponsor.
  + Suggested contacts: Stormy’s, Dale’s Marine
  + Sponsorship Benefits: For a donation of $200, their business logo is posted on our web site, Facebook page and in our Newsletter.

Committees: Are these committees lead by a board member?

* + Membership- Dave NOTE: Document sent via email by Dave on 10/24/21
    - Best action for membership renewal is a printed list of members in newsletter.
    - There are more renewals from January to April than during the membership year deadline of May 1. They are considered accepted.
    - Dave plans to send out reminders for renewal as he has in the past.
  + Newsletter- Dave
    - Target date of Thanksgiving
      * Topics: Spray program (What do we do for you?); history of the area; volunteers needed
  + AIS Spraying
    - Should there be a separate bank account for this? Consensus that it should be separate.
      * Motion to open a separate checking account for AIS: Jill; second Dave
    - 2021 was very successful due to $6000 grant
      * Delineation expense was $1500.00
    - Donation from spraying contractor for $825.00 for 2020 and 2021. It should be added to balance for our general fund not the AIS spraying program.
    - $695.00 donation from 2019 will be moved to General Fun
    - $100.00 will be the cost next season for returning participants. New participants will be charged $125.00
  + Fund Raiser(s)
    - We need to add this to a separate agenda. How do we get volunteers for these committees?
  + DNR
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  + Soil & Water- Ralph
* The Conservation District Tour was/is an auto tour and can be done at any time. There are 10 locations located between the Eastern to South Central portion of Le Sueur County. The tour takes about 2-3 hours depending on how long you stay at each site. During the summer, there were QR codes at many of the sites to provide even more information. The Tour was available until the end of summer. However, don’t hesitate to set up an appointment with staff if you would like to take the tour.
  + - * The link to the tour: [http://www.lesueurswcd.org/2021-conservation-auto-tour.html](https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.lesueurswcd.org%2f2021%2dconservation%2dauto%2dtour.html&umid=55400f7f-f50b-4200-a8bf-8740c802f9e2&auth=af4a2ec9e4ed5e666ea8c86616eb17eb8eb2ff8d-e59edd8c782e2bd921065e1937fce63eda3d06aa)

Lakes Coordinator for Weed Spraying Program: German Lake update- Jill Steffen

* + Rod did not get back to Jill on plans for next summer. He is interested and will do the work. She will follow up to get details on his plans and responsibilities.
  + Ralph will get to Carly Wagner at DNR.

Clean and Dry Program: Carol Burns, Jill Steffen

* + We were trained on Minnesota law and what to do to avoid transmission of AIS.
  + Our board may want to be the educational source for this in some way. Jill and Carol may brainstorm.

Board Member Needed

* + Fill the open position At Large position - Scott Lassiter
    - Post on FB page/Web site
    - Letter of resignation is needed
  + Discuss position held by At Large representative
    - Ralph will contact Bruce and Sam about their commitment to the Board.

New business

1. Brainstorming Report: Jill Steffen, Dave Tripp, Carol Burns

* Consider choosing 6 priorities and timelines for completion
* SAM: Eagle Scout project communicated to colleague
* Dave will send an email request for an auditor
* Postpone further decisions until the Board is complete

1. COLA Meeting

* Coalition of Lake Associations: Meet quarterly (about)
* Agenda is generally speakers for updates and what is going on around the lakes
* Jill is happy to attend but Carol will attend in October

1. Data base- Dave and Mike Burns will work on this

* Goal- have all current property owners on a mailing list
* Mike thinks he can merge Ralph’s data base into his management system
* Add taxes to the data base categories

Next Board Meeting: Second week in December with location to be determined

Adjournment: 2:57 p.m.