



Membership Survey Results

GJGLA 2023



Demographics

N=160

77% membership

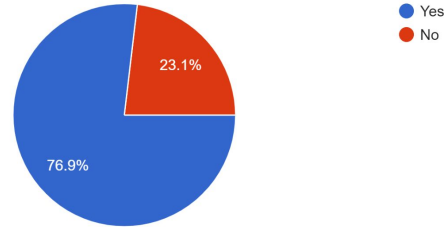
94% lakeshore ownership

50% seasonal

44% full-time

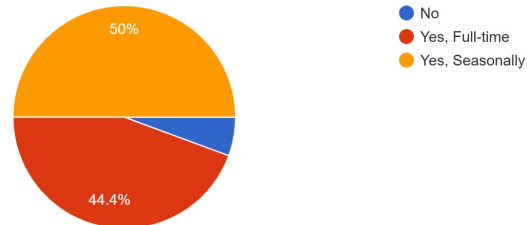
1. Are you a current member of the Greater Jefferson German Lakes Association?

160 responses



3. Do you currently live on the lakeshore of one of the lakes in the watershed?

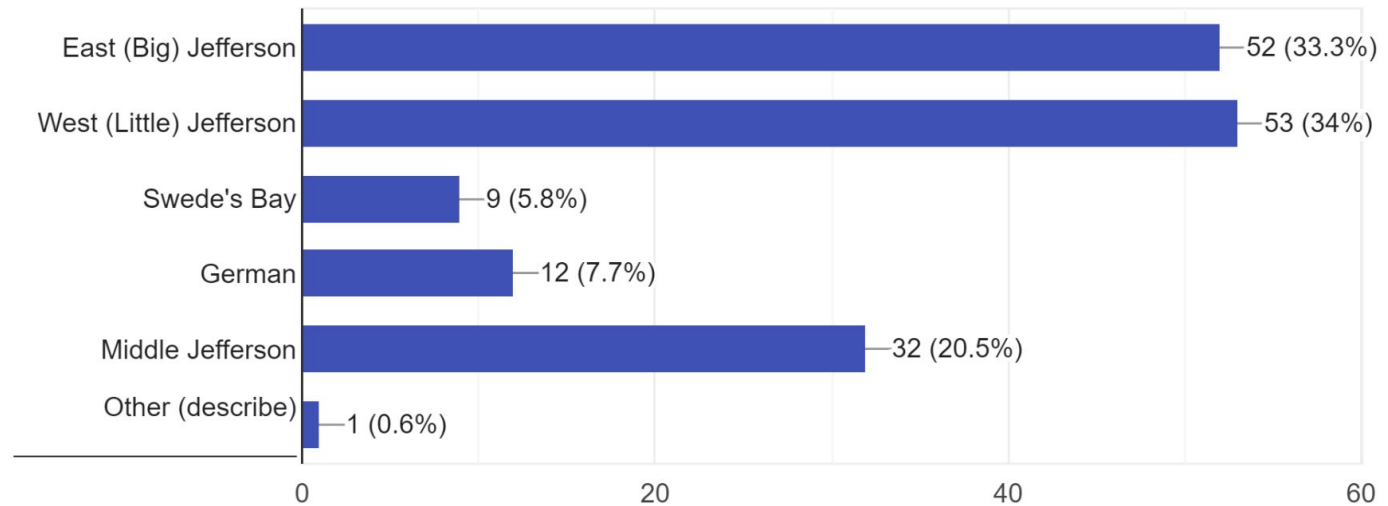
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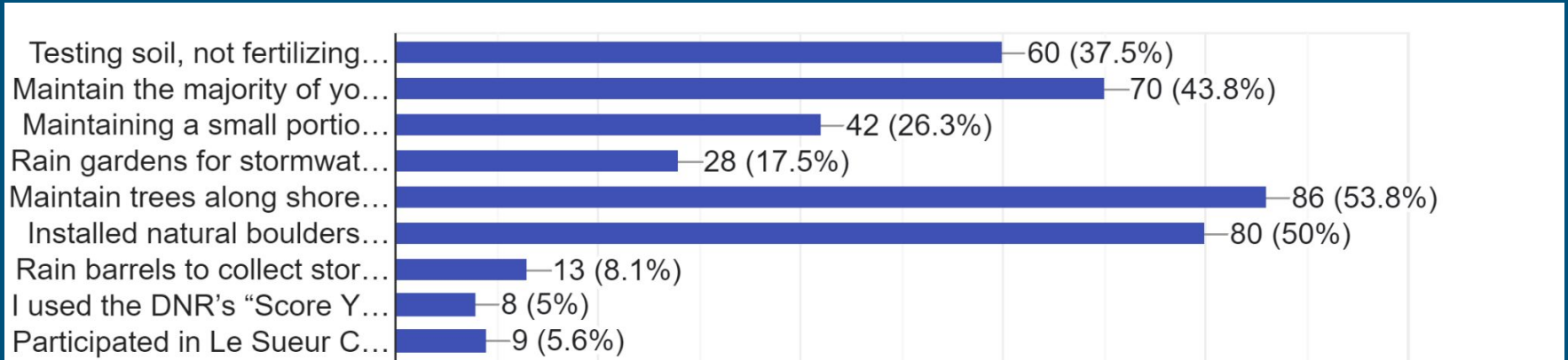
Demographics cont'd

3a. If yes, which lake/watershed do you live on or near?

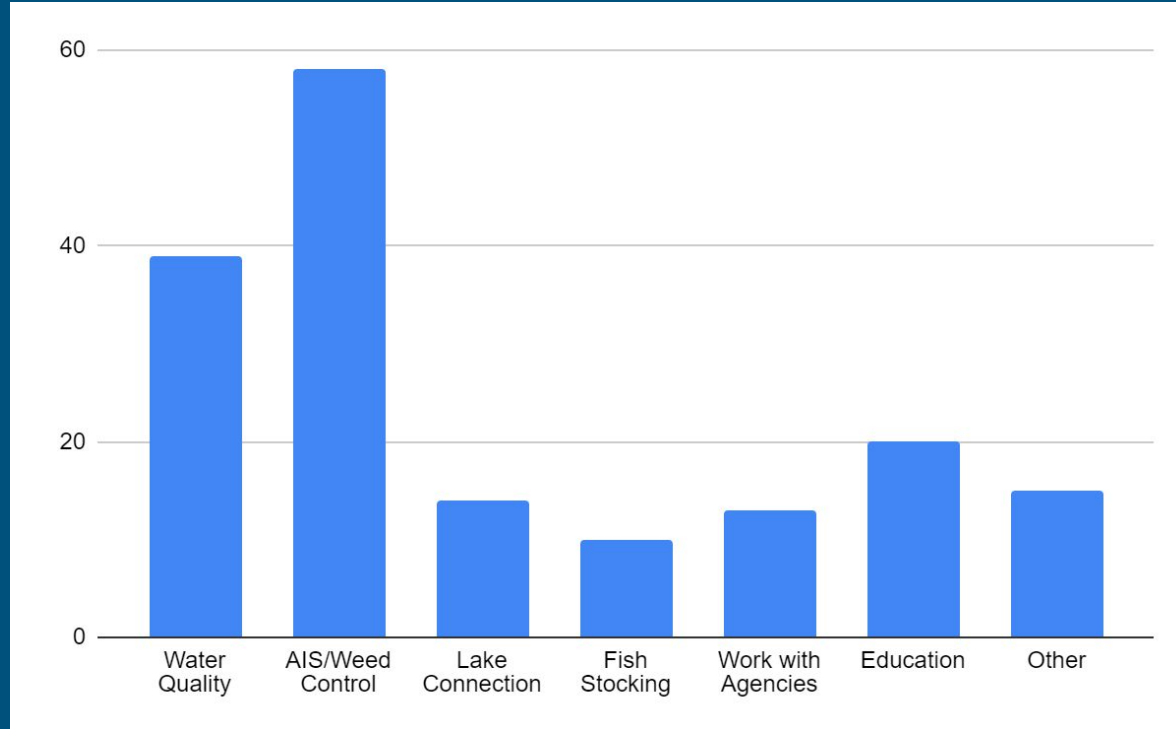
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4. We can all help maintain and improve the water quality and enjoyment of our lakes. If you are a lakefront property owner, which of the following landscaping practices have you employed to help maintain lake water quality? (Check all that apply)

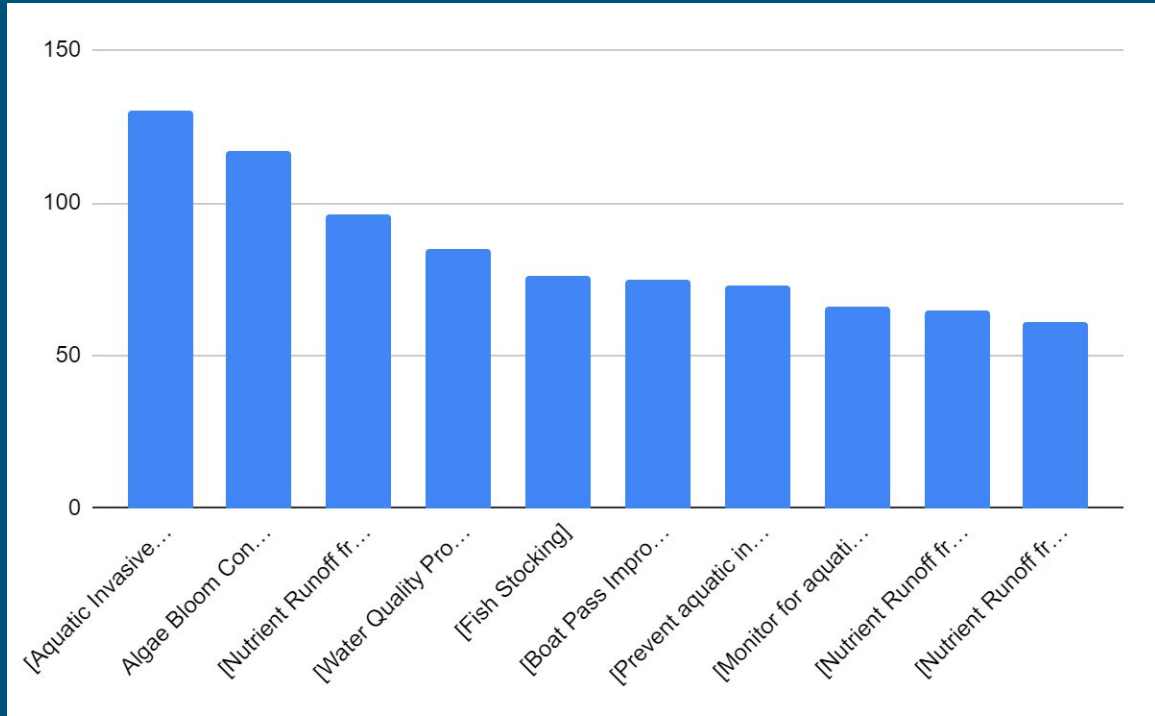


Association Goals & Priorities

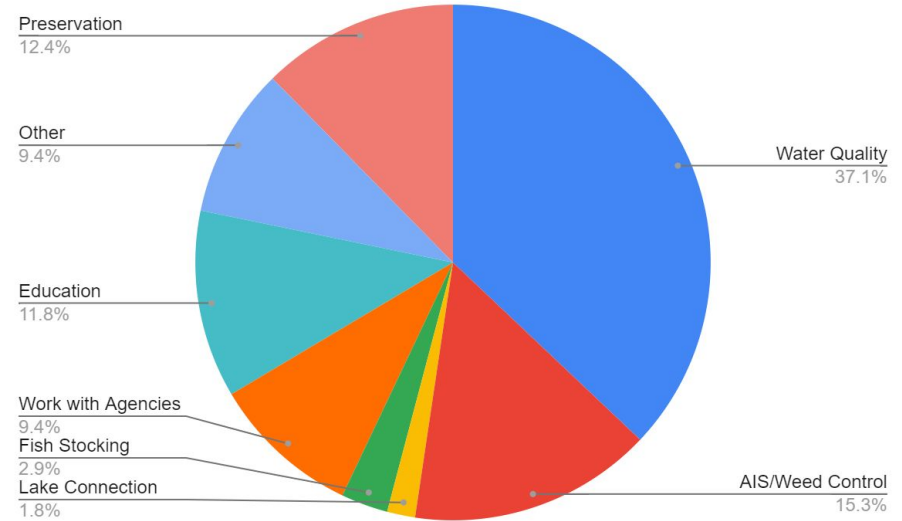
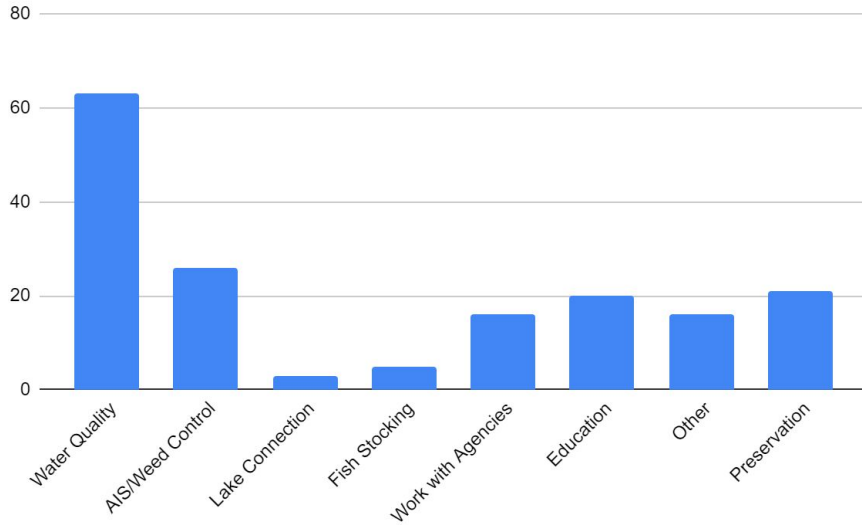


Top 10 Priorities

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control (ie. weed spraying, other)	130
Algae Bloom Control	117
Nutrient Runoff from Agricultural Land Use	96
Water Quality Projects	85
Fish Stocking	76
Boat Pass Improvements / Widening / Deepening	75
Prevent aquatic invasive species introduction	73
Monitor for aquatic invasive species introduction	66
Nutrient Runoff from Residential Land Use	65
Nutrient Runoff from Non-Compliant Septic Systems	61

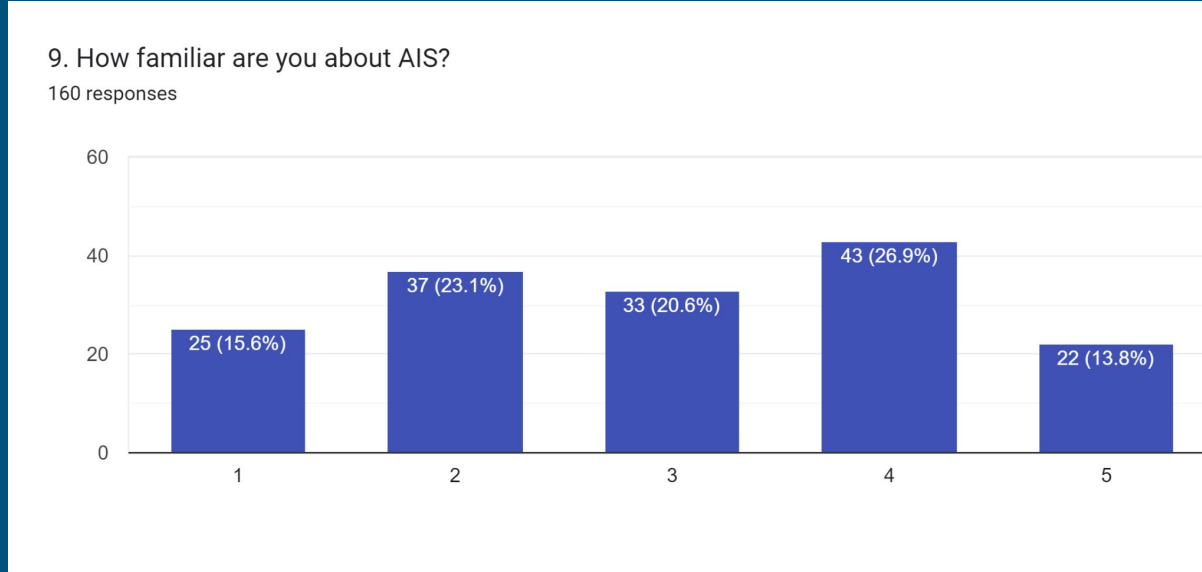


Primary Focus of Board



AIS Familiarity

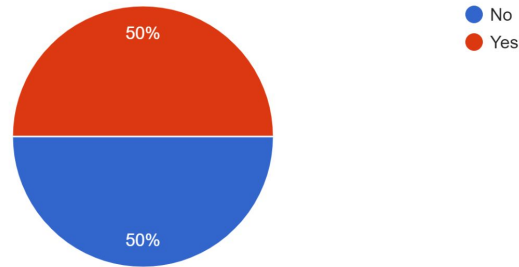
1 not at all familiar to 5 very familiar



AIS OffShore Participation

10. Do you currently participate in OFFSHORE weed spraying on your lake?

160 responses



10a. If you answered "no" above, why? (check all that apply)

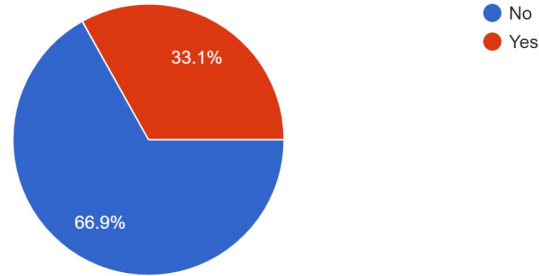
82 responses



AIS InShore Participation

11. Do you currently participate in INSHORE weed spraying on your lake?

160 responses



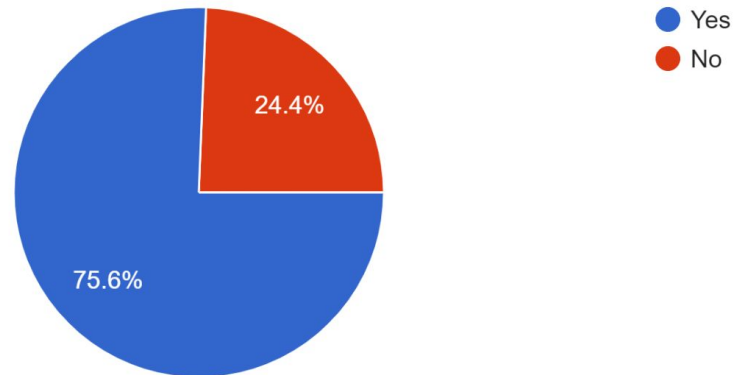
11a. If you answered "no" above, why? (check all that apply)

103 responses



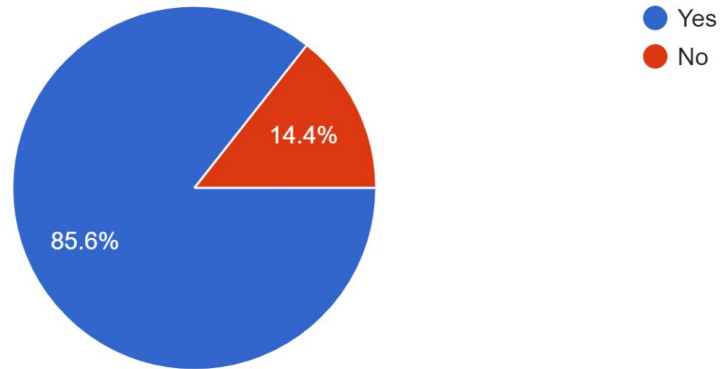
12. Should a portion of membership dues be granted to weed spraying in high-traffic / common boat areas?

160 responses



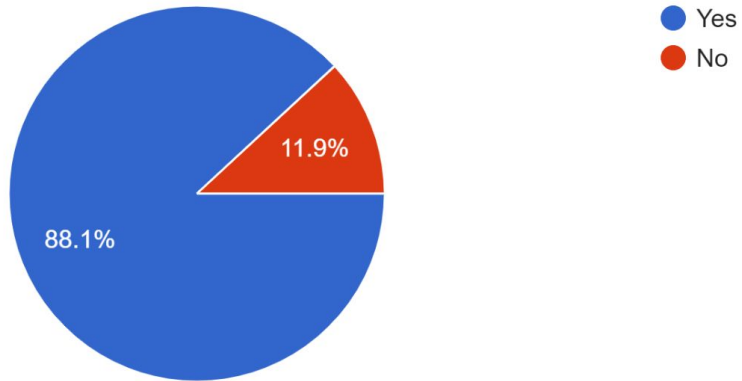
13. Should the association provide you an option to sign up and pay for weed spraying in front of your property?

160 responses



14. Should the association explore alternative methods of weed control other than spraying?

160 responses



Conclusive Results

The membership clearly wants the association to provide AIS spraying, both off-shore and shoreline.

Our Challenge:

Who writes the grants for each of the five lakes? As we learned last year, German created a separate association to take care of theirs

Who collects the money?

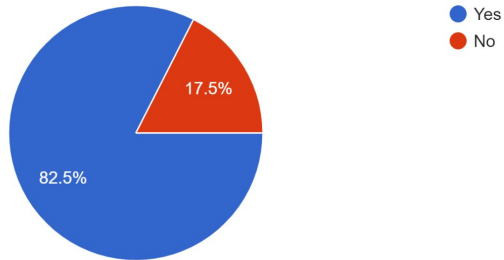
Who organizes delineation ?

\$25 membership does not begin to cover the cost of even off-shore, much less shoreline.

Membership Fees

15. Would you be willing to pay more than \$25 for your annual membership fee to support the association's priorities?

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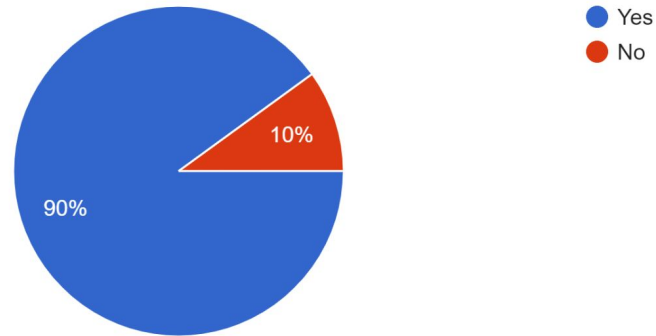


AVERAGE	\$70.53
RANGE	10-300
MOST FREQUENT	
\$25	16
\$75	6
\$50	58
\$100	30
\$250	5

Property Tax Allocation

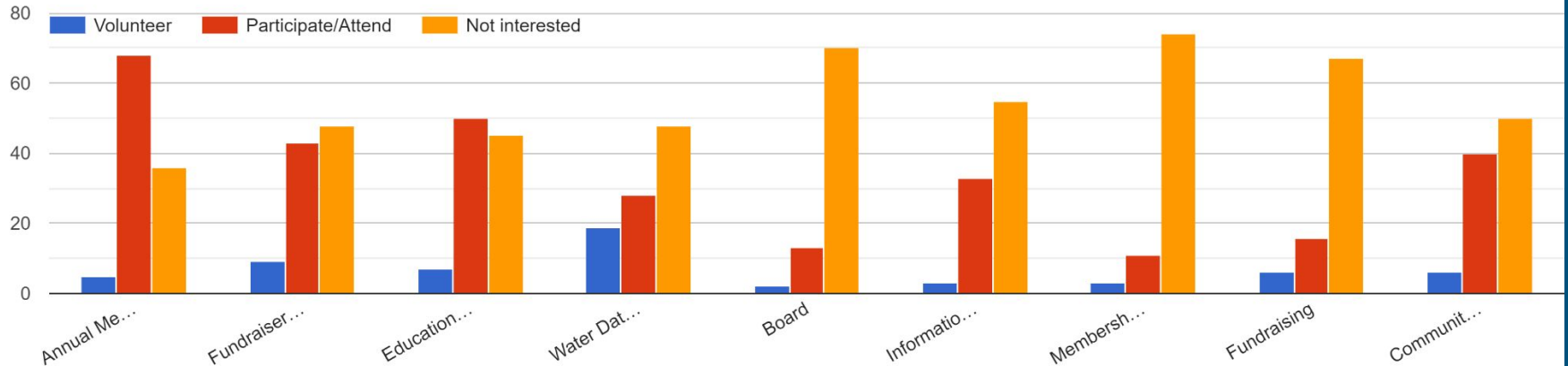
17. Would you support a portion of your current county property taxes going directly to lake improvement projects?

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Participation Interests

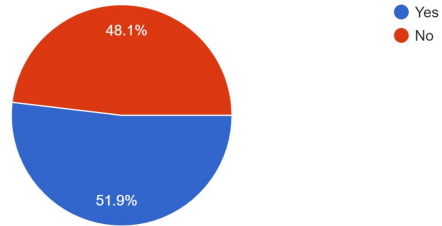
18. Would you be interested in volunteering and/or participating/attending in any of the following (check all that apply):



Communication

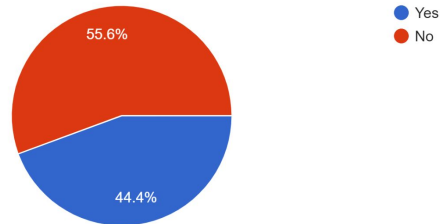
19. Do you currently use the website as a resource?

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20. Do you currently use the GJGLA Facebook page as a resource?

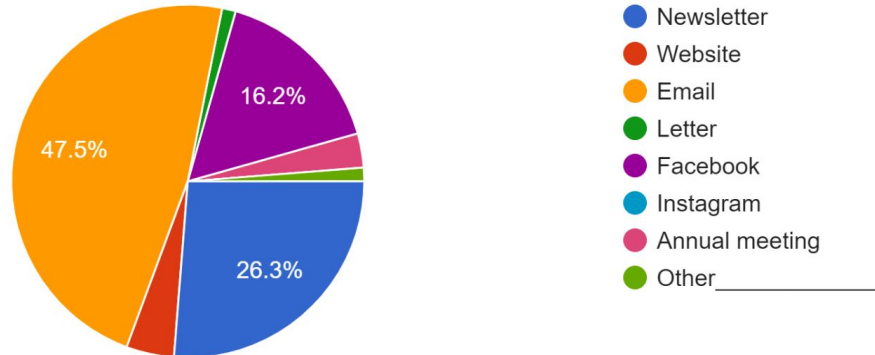
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Preferred Communication

21. What is the best way for the board to communicate projects, news, and updates with you?

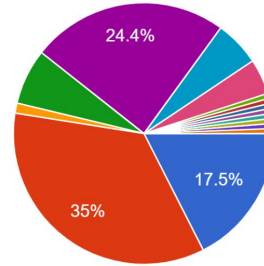
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Annual Meeting

22. The Annual Meeting has historically been scheduled for Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend. This weekend is known to be the first we...nding the Annual Meeting, what day do you prefer?

160 responses



- I am not interested in attending the An...
- Keep it the same: Saturday morning o...
- Friday evening of Memorial Day Week...
- A Friday evening in the summer, NOT...
- A Saturday morning in the summer, N...
- A Sunday evening in the summer, NO...
- na
- a Thursday evening not memorial day...

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A Saturday morning in the summer, NOT Memorial Day Weekend	21
A Friday evening in the summer, NOT Memorial Day Weekend	4
I am not interested in attending the Annual Meeting	16
Keep it the same: Saturday morning of Memorial Day Weekend	34
na	7
Friday evening of Memorial Day Weekend	2
A Sunday evening in the summer, NOT Memorial Day Weekend	4
Please choose the best date for others and I will try to attend.	1
Anytime earlier on a Saturday or any day in the evening	1
a Thursday evening not memorial day weekend	1
Sat afternoon not Labor Day Weekend	1

What is the Board working on?

- 1) Building Community - We are NOT five lakes, we are ONE chain.
- 2) Actively meeting with local agencies, building relationships, and advocating for our lakes.
- 3) Attending educational workshops and sharing the information with membership.
- 4) Using these results to align our goals with membership input received (& heard)
- 5) Explore the feasibility of a Lake Management Plan
- 6) Swede's Bay was sprayed for the first time

What we need from you

- 1) Help - We need YOU. We are now only four individuals trying to take the wants and needs of the association.
- 2) Communication - reach out to us with concerns and ideas

Final Thoughts from the Membership

- Thank you for putting out this survey, and the newsletters
- Thanks for all you do for the lakes!
- Thanks for asking.
- A place to eat on the lake. MUCK! and definitely improve the look of the lake by getting rid of the weeds. It is so bad you can't swim due to the amt of weeds even after spraying.
- I commend our board for all their efforts. Loved "meet the new board" profiles. Is there any way we can participate in pull tab revenue?
- establish wakeboat regulations before someone gets hurt
- past meetings poorly conducted. keep them as short as possible
- we appreciate the association and all of the work you do
- Thank you for all you do for the association

- keep up the great work
- Thank you! Concern: B&B's in residential areas
- I'm all for a large watercraft connection between Middle and West Jefferson
- Thank you to all of the dedicated members working to improve the chain of lakes
- Finding a cheaper way to control weeds in the lake on my property
- Want to thank the new board Members for your service. Need new ideas to manage weeds and algae bloom.
- The boat landing dock setup change on Little Jeff is difficult to maneuver. Put garbage cans there - no fishing on boat landing docks -control speeds of boats close to shore. Ban jet skis on Little Jeff. Do not open access between Middle and Little Jeff. Would transport weeds to Little. Little Jeff is a great lake, but each year it gets busier. Too many jet skis and speed boats.
- Please support offshore weed control spraying
- None
- Please email me a member form and cost to become members. Thank you, Gretchen and Steve Wensman, gmwensma@gmail.com
- approach DNR to place a dam in the outlet on German to help maintain the water level

- I really appreciate everything the board is doing, my family has been on German Lake since 1967, and I personally seen great improvements in the water quality are all the lakes.
- Large wake boats, shore damage. Bridge/tunnel to Middle Jeff not necessary and *Big Cost* No information to owners
- taxes are pretty high for a lake you can't use because of poor weed control. Last few years have been terrible weeds. low water level and the new sewer pipe around little jeff doesn't help. We have paid for both lake and our property and weeds still take over and props are plugged. Jet Ski's are useless. Thanks for what you do.
- Swede's Bay should be sprayed like Middle Jefferson; Swede's Bay is a huge body of water that is often overlooked and underfunded. It is overrun with milfoil and muck. Nearby farmland is not compliant; we often see cows standing in the edge of the water.
- On question 10a about association priorities, other = carp population
- On question 17, I would only answer yes if the funding included Swede's Bay
- I think you guys are doing a great job.
- Stop fighting and stop having personal agendas. I understand weed spraying isn't important to some board members. If this is not a priority of you as a board member, please get off the board. You are part of the problem, not the solution.
- Talk with the lake association for Duck Lake as they have prevented weeds/algae on their lake. I appreciate all your time & efforts with being on the board & providing the survey 😊
- I thought we had grants for the erosion control projects. are they getting done? Thank you for all the time you put into this.

- Thank you for your work
- Explore dredging...and I know numerous people who are interested in this bridge talk but nobody has any actual facts on it, post some facts if there is any
- Make easier to sign up for weed spraying
- on Lake Crystal in Scott County the DNR has a small dam to impede the outflow of water. Why not the outlet on Lake German.
- We have not seen a lot of information about the association so we have not been informed or signed up to be a member which we gladly would be. We would like to see more activities on our lakes. I think more lake owners need to be informed of weed control. I know some neighbors that have not participated more or less because they really haven't seen a lot of information about it. I would like to know if the channel between middle and big Jeff could be widened or deepened as the years that are shallow has been a little concerning passing through. I think it would be beneficial too once the new bridge goes in there will be more traffic between the lakes.
- Thank you for asking for our opinions
- need someone who knows middle Jeff well like Lee Polinsky sis, to go with the DNR when they spray the lake in April, first of May
- I would need more information on what will be discussed at the annual meeting (or a fundraiser) before attending.
- It would be beneficial to gather, share/ distribute educational information regarding practices that best preserve the natural resource of our lakes, and work more closely with local DNR and state representatives to enforce shoreland best practices to protect our waters, shoreline, native vegetation and aquatic species. Request local law enforcement monitor for safe boating practices throughout the season. So much more....
- Thanks for all you do

- Thank you!
- Thanks
- Appreciate all the work the board does
- The two boat passes were built in the 1940's when boats were smaller. they need to be replaced to accommodate our newer boats and pontoons
- Thank you for being a proactive board helping to ensure the safety & beauty of our lakes. Keep up the great work!
- thank you for seeking input from members. did you seek input from all lakeowners?
- There are research projects - ie Middlebury College - Vermont that address AIS
- paying online received a message saying not a secure website
- Remove German Lake from your name or include German Lake
- Thanks to bd members for your time and commitment. Keep up the good work
- We appreciate all you do!
- I think it would be interesting to think about finding a way to connect boating access between the Jefferson lakes and German. This would create an even better sense of community if all had access to all the lakes by boat.
- Stop farmland runoff. If you can't maybe the DNR can or the pollution agency. But something needs to be done.
- We need a lakes association medium, and thank you for your participation and involvement