



The Greater Jefferson-German Lakes Association

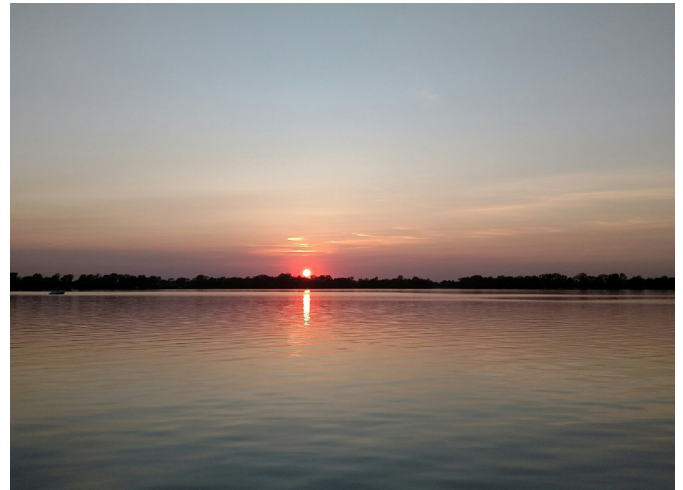
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A Message from your President, Arne Jessen

Annual Membership Meeting

I hope you will come to our annual membership meeting. It will be held at the Marysburgy Catholic Church hall, on Saturday, May 28 beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. This is an historic meeting, the 27th annual meeting of our association. It was established in 1989 when the first board of directors were elected and by-laws adopted. The membership meeting in this May is historic because it is first annual meeting of our new incorporation as a 501 (C) (3) non-profit association. At our last annual meeting the membership authorized the board of directors to incorporate as a 501 (C) (3) so that contributions to our lake association would be tax deductible and our association would be eligible to apply for grants that require that.



That goal of was achieved during this past year. So now we have newly updated articles of incorporation, by-laws, a conflict of interest policy, and practices that are congruent with these legal documents. So come and participate in the election of your board of directors, and the transaction of business to protect our waters, and hear several invited speakers on topics of vital concern to the welfare of our lakes and our enjoyment of them.

If you have not paid your membership dues of \$25 you may do so at the meeting or anytime on line at our web site: www.jgla.com. I would also encourage you to make a tax deductible contribution if you are able, and thereby support the work of the association, enabling us to carry out the projects and goals that will ensure good boating, fishing, swimming, and other recreational activities and enjoyable living by these beautiful waters, the largest body of water in southern Minnesota.

Grants to Help Us

Weeds: In 2015 with the help of a DNR grant we sprayed 50 acres of invasive aquatic species (weeds) in parts of all four lakes. DNR funds were drastically cut in 2016 and we did not receive a grant for 2016 spraying. However, Middle Jefferson will spray the same acreage as last year under the associations per-

mit. Lake homeowners can apply to DNR individually to spray by their shore.

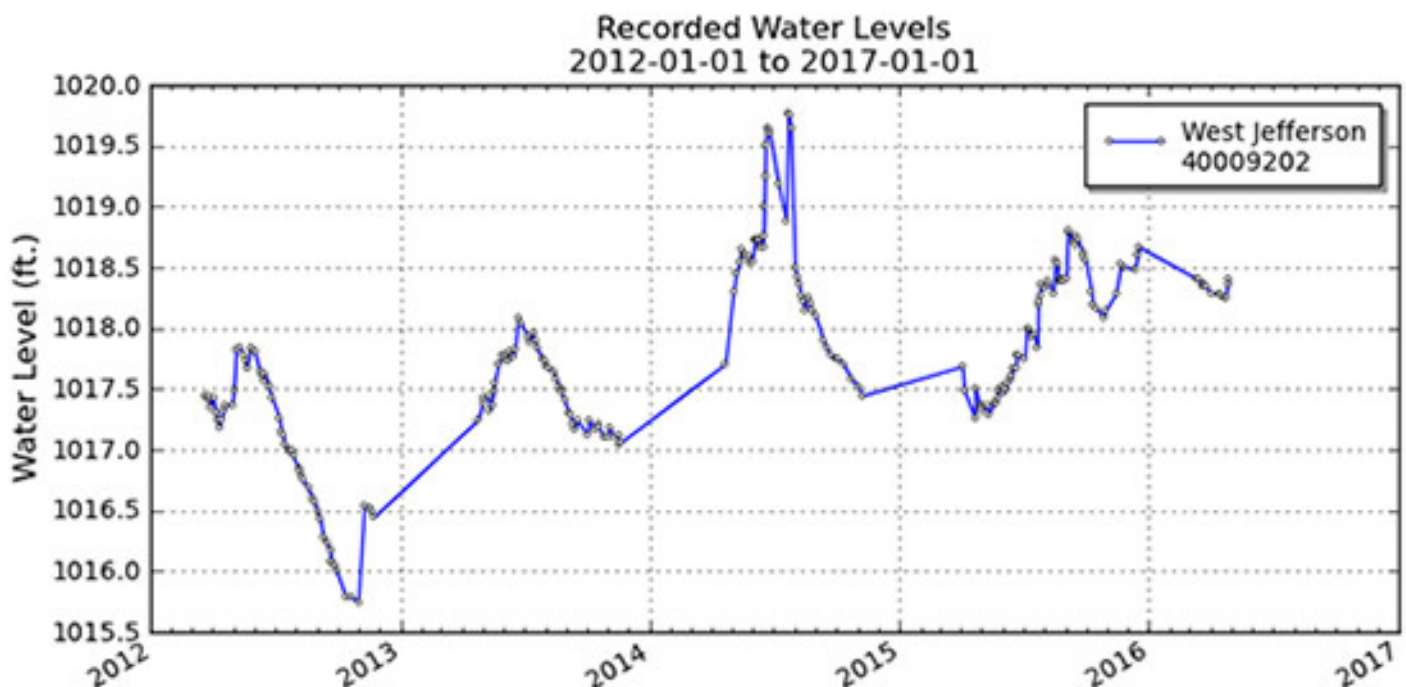
Boat Inspections: We have recently been assured of a grant of \$10,000 from Le Sueur County to provide volunteer (paid \$10 per hour plus approximately \$2 per hour for taxes plus mileage) boat inspectors on week-ends and holidays at the public access sites of German, East Jefferson and West Jefferson lakes. This is in cooperation with the city of Cleveland, the DNR (provides training), The MSU Water Resources Center, the biology department at Gustavus, and Environmental Services of Le Sueur County. If you are interested please come to the meeting or contact a board member.

Education: We have received a grant through the office of the Le Sueur County Sheriff to provide educational pamphlets and materials at our meetings and through "tiny libraries" at the public access of German, East Jefferson and West Jefferson lakes.

Please come. Please contribute to the present and future welfare of our lakes by being a caring and responsible lake owner or user, and being an active member of this fine lake association.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual membership meeting of the Greater Jefferson-German Lakes Association, Inc. will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall at Marysburg Catholic Church one mile north of the city of Madison Lake. The membership will elect the seven board of directors at this meeting and transact appropriate business. Nominations for board of directors may be made from the floor, but if person nominated is not present, must have advance commitment from person nominated that she/he will serve if elected. All members are encouraged to attend. The agenda for the meeting and the list of speakers and topics can be found on the www.jgla.org website.



Slate of Nominations for Election to the Board of Directors

Annual Meeting of the Membership

May 28, 2016

Note from the Bylaws:

“The Board of Directors shall be composed of seven (7) Directors elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present at a duly held meeting, subject to the following restrictions: 1 member will be elected from West Jefferson, 1 from Middle Jefferson, 1 from East Jefferson, 1 from German Lake, 3 at-large members will be elected without restriction to location.”

“Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years each and shall be so elected that approximately one-third (1/3) of the directors within each group of directors is elected each year.”

“A Director shall serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms (six consecutive years) at which time one (1) year may pass before the Director is eligible for re-election to the Board of Directors.”

“All officers...shall be elected by the Board of Directors.”

Note: Because we have adopted new bylaws requiring limited terms, all current members of the board of directors are up for election this year in staggered terms depending on the number of years they have already served on the board of directors. No current member of the board of directors will continue to serve unless elected by the membership at this meeting.

Two Current Board Members Going off the Board today:

Scott Hass – Has served on the board for 25 years consecutive years.

Rick Connors – Has served since 2012 (Voluntarily Going Off Board)

Nominations from the Floor for Three Year Term (Must be current member, and if person nominated is not present, you must have prior commitment from person nominated that he/she will serve if elected):

Members who are not currently on the board of directors and have volunteered and are Eligible for Election:

Name	Number of Years To serve if elected	Lake Representing
Ralph Redding	Three	Middle Jefferson

Six Current Board Members Eligible for Re-election and Willing to Serve

Name	Years Eligible	Lake Representing
Arne Jessen (Current President)	One	At-Large
Bill John (Current Secretary)	Two	East Jefferson
Dave Tripp (Current Treasurer)	Three	At-Large
Wayne Quiram (Current Vice President)	Two	German
Larry Wasmund	One	West Jefferson
Ralph Johnston	Two	At-Large

**WEEK-END SUMMER
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
With The Greater Jefferson-German Lakes Association**

JOB TITLE: Watercraft Inspector

JOB OBJECTIVES: Serve to inform and educate the public of threats of ecologically harmful aquatic invasive species to Minnesota's waters. You will work at public water access sites inspecting watercraft for invasive species and educating the public by providing information to watercraft users.

JOB LOCATION: Public water access sites at German, East Jefferson, and West Jefferson Lakes



DATES: May 14 – September 5, 2016 (Saturdays and Sundays only)

HOURS: Six hour shift: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (12 hour shift optional)

REQUIREMENTS:

Attend a four (4) hour DNR training (unpaid). Free training; mileage WILL be Paid at the rate of \$0.50/mile, up to a max of \$20 roundtrip.

PAY: Ten (\$10.00) per hour; Association will assist INTERNALLY with a bonus of \$2/hour that will be applied to Minnesota and Federal taxes. Paid monthly via a check from the City of Cleveland.

Mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.50/mile, up to a max of \$20/roundtrip per each day worked.

APPLICATION FORM: Contact the City of Cleveland Office (Gwyn Ploog or Theresa Rohlfing) at 507-931-6380 or via e-mail at acityclerk@mchsi.com, or stop in at the Minnesota State University, Mankato, Water Resources Center, 135 Trafton Science Center South, Mankato.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Diane Wiley, MSU Water Resources Center 507-389-5492 or dianewiley@mnsu.edu
Dr. Margaret Bloch-Qazi, Dept. of Biology, Gustavus Adolphus College, 507-933-6287 or mqazi@gac.edu

Lake Association participates in Farm Run Solutions

For three years, Rick Connors, a member of the board of directors has been working with Mike Schultz, director of the Le Sueur County Soil and Water office to find a solution to farm run-off into Middle Jefferson Lake. The effort has been a three stage process and the first two are successfully completed and the third is in process. Over a half of mile of grass waterway has replaced bare eroding soil, and a stone catchment area has been installed to prevent erosion in an area with a steep fall-off drop. The third phase involves creating two holding ponds at the end of the grass waterways and stone catchment area, that will remove sediment from water prior to its entrance into the lake. The lake association has committed \$5000 to this project. Initially, prior to the beginning work on the farm land, Rick Connors was instrumental in getting a shore lot cleaned up of a variety of accumulated objects. That positive outcome resulted in the interest of the land owners and county in extending the effort further from shore and the three phase restoration effort.

The Landing Pond Drainage

In the middle of the Landing in the Cape Horn Subdivision between East and Middle Jefferson Lakes, there is a water retention pond that has never functioned properly since its design and installation in 2004. Rick Connors, who lives on Cape Horn, and has been active in attempts to find a solution to the pond problem. He has visited the site with Commissioner Rohlfing, and spoke to the Landing Association regarding the pond. They were supportive of the need to repair the tiles that were preventing the pond from accumulating water. A large bolder slid down the embankment lodging at the entrance of the large culvert going under the road toward East Jefferson causing a swirling erosion revealing the old tile that is draining the water and preventing the pond from forming. Recently, Rick visited the site with Joshua Mankowski of Environmental Services. A special grant request by the county to the state for the cost to be included in the 2018 state budgeting request.

Fish Stocking Information Since 2010

Stocking Info from Minnesota DNR website - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

East Jefferson:

Year	Species	Size	Number	Pounds
2015	Walleye	fry	341,922	3.0
2013	Walleye	fry	335,088	3.0
2011	Walleye	fry	342,600	3.0
2010	Walleye	fry	347,698	3.0

Middle Jefferson

Year	Species	Size	Number	Pounds
2015	Northern Pike	fry	26,128	0.6
	Walleye	fry	706,639	6.2
2013	Walleye	fry	701,590	7.0
2011	Northern Pike	fry	36,936	0.6
	Walleye	fry	708,040	6.2
2010	Northern Pike	fry	26,458	0.4

West Jefferson Lake

Year	Species	Size	Number	Pounds
2015	Northern Pike	fry	26,128	0.6
	Walleye	fry	341,922	3.0
2014	northern pike	fry	28,318	0.5
	walleyefingerlings		8,900	468.0
2013	Northern Pike	fry	24,664	1.0
	Walleye	fry	345,559	3.0
2011	Northern Pike	fry	22,572	0.4
	Walleye	fry	342,600	3.0
2010	Northern Pike	fry	29,211	0.5
	Walleye	fry	381,899	3.5

German Lake

Year	Species	Size	Number	Pounds
2015	Walleye	fry	523,320	4.9
2013	Walleye	fry	523,575	5.0
2011	Walleye	fry	525,320	4.6
2010	Walleye	fry	533,137	4.6