



Minutes

Amston Lake Association – September 13th, 2022 Monthly Meeting / 6:30 - Hybrid

Attendees: John Matra, Donna Payne, Sue Matysayk, Ann Riley, Nick Salerno, Amy Larew, Pam Hogan, Jim Caines, Steve & Charlene Reagan, Nicole Graczewski (Zoom), and J.D. Wilcox (Zoom)

- Call to order: 6:32pm by John Matra
- Approval of the Minutes from last meeting: motion to accept by Nick Salerno, 2nd by Pam Hogan
- President's Report:
 - Event Recap:
 - Chocolate Bingo: cleared \$434 and well attended! When we do it again next year, keep in mind school calendar conflicts. Thank you to Steve and Charlene for running Chocolate Bingo!
 - Guest Speaker Series: Larry Zimmerman event on Sept. 8th at Clubhouse: approx. 30 people in attendance. Probably would have been more people if we were not competing against Hebron Harvest Fair \$1 Night. Larry was selling some of his books and donated all proceeds received of \$107. Thank you, Larry!
 - Next Guest Speaker at Clubhouse: Oct. 6th: Hebron Green Committee member to talk about Pollinator Pathways
 - Paella Dinner was a huge success. We already have next year booked!
 - \$84 in revenue (which was 10% of beverage proceeds) received from Tapville truck at Tiki Night. A check is being mailed from Twins BBQ/Tapville to ALA

- OktoberFest: 50% of tickets already sold. \$27.50 fully catered German meal being served. Optional OktoberFest Beer Tasting one hour prior to dinner start for an additional for \$7.50
 - Snowbird dinner on September 20th at 5:30pm: Potluck Dinner!
 - Potential Kids Halloween Party being proposed by Nicole. Clubhouse available 23rd or 30th. Nicole to check dates she is available and will let John know.
 - Proposed Adult Christmas Party: Saturday Dec. 3rd. Nicole perhaps do something for Kids Dec. 4th, 10th or 11th (prior to Clubhouse seasonal shut-down)
- Treasurer's Report: Checking balance: \$11,390.47. Savings balance: \$6,737.62. Ann plans on moving some of the cash from Checking to Savings since season is wrapping up. Annual Report has been filed with State of CT.
- Committee Reports
 - House: new Club House rentals: 3 reservations in October, 1 in November for Thanksgiving.
 - Fundraising/Merchandising: sold mostly stuff purchased last year at Lake Day. Sweatshirts didn't sell since it was 100 degrees out. Charlene will post remaining inventory on website as Sale for upcoming Holidays. Next year: tee-shirts and tank-tops. We will also order another (72) of the mugs, which all sold out
 - Public Relations/Communications: idea: doing a survey asking people where they heard about the event? Was it a sign? Was it on the website? Would be good to know what advertising is effective and reaching the community
 - John to take signs down after OktoberFest. John to get a sign made for Snowbird Potluck and have put up ASAP.

- New Business:
 - Discussion of shutting down the clubhouse for the winter. What is involved (plumbing draining pipes, what about stopping electrical (no) or internet (no)? Does the furnace need to run year-round to continue functioning properly? Does our insurance get impacted? John to ask our insurance agent. Ann and/or Nick to contact plumber to get info and proposed pricing to winterize
 - Monday night meeting in Hebron at Douglas Library concerning a planned DPW facility near crosswalk at Hebron Elementary and Kinney Rd. What impact does this have on our lake? The concern is there is no Plan B...this is the only area being considered & planned for.
 - Question: did we ever do a Community Tag Sale and if so, was it Successful? Per Nick, we did try it about 10 years ago. From what Nick recalls, it was a lot of work to organize, and it didn't generate any revenue to the ALA. So, it never materialized again.
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:09pm by Ann Riley, 2nd by Nick Salerno
- Next Meeting October 11th, 2022