



Meeting Minutes
Amston Lake Association – March 14th, 2023 Monthly Meeting
Virtual – 6:30pm

Attendees: John Matra, Sue Matyszyk, Pam Hogan, Ann Riley, Maureen Dagon, Charlene Reagan, Steve Reagan, Nick Salerno, Pam Hogan, Nicole Graczewski, Mary Withey, and J.D. Wilcox

Call to order: 6:34pm by John Matra, 2nd by Nick Salerno

Approval of Minutes from November 8th meeting: motion to accept by Nick Salerno, and 2nd by Pam Hogan. All in favor.

▪ **President's Report:**

- ALA Off-season: clubhouse remained open, which was beneficial.
 - Membership: ALA will be there for every pass distribution opportunity.
 - Dues for coming year: 1 set rate per household? Or tiered? Keep at \$30, maybe consider a lock-in for future years for existing members.
 - Rental rates for Clubhouse: currently \$200 for 24/hours. Propose \$250 for members & \$300 for non-Members. Includes tables and chairs. Propose lock-in rates now for rentals this year. Also propose 'parking lot' rentals for \$50 for people who want to just rent the parking space. Maybe free (or \$25) for members but \$50 for non-members?
 - Tiki Night, Movie Night, Bingo Night, Speaker Series (Ann offered doing an Insurance 101 and John mentioned an Owl event) and others? NCAA Watch this Saturday, March 18.
 - Club House improvements: had 1 contractor walked site to review items needing attention, breaking down by Immediate Need, something to be scheduled, or Wish List. Anticipate \$20K for things that need to be addressed. Some roof issues, some drainage issues, etc. Looking for 2nd opinions with a GC to walk for additional bids. Perhaps taking an Equity Line of credit against the Clubhouse so we can fix now and pay is off over time vs. fundraising for immediate needs. Concern is getting a commercial loan is difficult given our non-profit status. Interest rate may not be favorable. Building appraisal? Haven't had the clubhouse appraised recently but insured for \$200K and will probably increase it by \$50k next year. We hold the deed (a quick-claim deed). Required to maintain purpose of social activity.
 - Motion to purchase key chain and stickers: motion by Charlene, 2nd by Nick Salerno
- **Upcoming Events**
- Lake Day – Aug. 5th
 - 4th of July – 4th of July
 - Tiki Night: July 15th (we did July 23rd last year)
 - Paella Dinner: Aug. 19th
- **Treasurer's Report:** keeping clubhouse open was costly with heat (propane) and electricity. Balance: \$2,403.61 in Checking. \$6,738.62 in Savings. Budget: proposed vs. actual

- we are right now, but maintenance expenses are high. \$4300 v. \$4100. Propose bumping up to \$5,000. We will circulate and vote on next month. Ann’s request: please email expense reimbursement detail (vs. text, etc.)
 - Zoom: John proposes to convert to Annual Membership at 30% off. We all agreed to do it because monthly is going up and doesn’t make sense.
- Committee Reports
 - House: Clubhouse rentals: a bunch so far this winter and 3 more coming up, next being March 25th (Yoga prior to rental start – Nick to make sure OK)
 - Merchandise Update: John has thoughts: tee-shirts thru Fresh Ink in West Hartford. Order multiple sizes and sell for \$15 – will allow us to move a good amount of product and not get ‘stuck’ with a bunch of merchandise in inventory
 - Public Relations/Communications: working on a Welcome Letter. John working on a Welcome Letter for the ALD newsletter.
 - Social: NCAA Tournament this Saturday! Game Night was fun and will be a monthly event!
 - Logo refresh? Yes! Lisa to work on some ideas.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11th, 2023
- Adjourned: 7:46pm motion to adjourn by J.D. Wilcox, 2nd by Sue Matszyk.

Respectfully submitted
J.D. Wilcox