



**Amston Lake Association – September 8, 2026
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Clubhouse – 6:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Attendees: John Matra, Nick Salerno, Karen Hinch, Mary Withey, and Maureen Dagon

Absent: Ann Riley

▪ **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

- August Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Mary Withey, seconded by Karen Hinch, approved by all those attending the August meeting. There was one abstention, and none opposed.

▪ **President's Report**

- John expressed that the season has gone by too fast this year.

▪ **Treasurer's Report**

- Ann Riley could not make the meeting, but John expressed that we are in very strong financial position.
- **Account Balances:** Liberty bank \$3,142 checking, and \$11,223 Savings, for a total of \$14,365.
- **Outstanding payments and/or invoices, upcoming expenses**
 - The second tax bill will be due in January, but we don't know the exact amount yet.
 - No other significant outstanding bills.

▪ **Committee Reports**

• **Clubhouse**

- We have enlisted the help of Charlie DeLisle to clean the clubhouse, when needed.
- The furnace service has been scheduled for early November.
- There is a rental scheduled for October 10, Kayla Riley, who won a rental in the Lake Day raffle, has confirmed a date. The Fontaines have again reserved it for Thanksgiving Day. There's an unconfirmed reservation for December 5.

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- A few residents have expressed interest in being on the painting crew, to paint the outside of the addition.
- **Public Relations / Communications**
 - The email list has been updated, and Karen will send John the latest list.
- **Events**
 - Forty-four people attended **The Paella Dinner**. The vendor, The Big Paella, has kept our price consistent for the five-year history of the dinner. The event at least breaks even.
 - There were three fishing derbies this season. Thanks to Jim DeLisle.
 - Other scheduled events include Drop-In Craft Day, Yoga on the Beach, the last Chocolate Bingo on September 9, Karaoke Night on September 12, and Oktoberfest on October 3. Saddlers will again supply dinner for Oktoberfest. The cost to attendees will be \$30, plus \$5 extra for beer tasting. There will be no accordion player this year.
 - Events yet to be scheduled include a possible Snowbird Dinner, Thanksgiving Potluck, NYE party, Santa Visit, Holiday Party, and coffees.
 - Mary Withey suggested hosting a Football game at the clubhouse, on the day of a popular matchup.
- **Merchandise**
 - The special black Amston Lake sweatshirts are sold out.
 - Mary said that Charlene Regan heard suggestions at Lake Day that we should consider accepting Venmo as a form of payment for merchandise. John said that Ann was in the process of setting up a Venmo ID and QR code for ALA, which should be operational soon.
- **New Business**
 - There was discussion about event dates for the 2027 season. The following events are already on the calendar: July 4th Parade, Tiki Night July 24, Lake Day August 7, and Paella Dinner August 21.
 - John wants to form a Shed Committee to determine the best way forward to replace the existing shed. Nick Salerno and Jeff and Mary Withey have volunteered for the committee.

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- **Adjourn** – Mary Withey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09, Maureen Dagon seconded. All were in favor.
- **Next meeting: October 13, 2026.** November 10 will be the last meeting until March.

Respectfully,

**Karen Hinch
Secretary**