



## Minutes

### Amston Lake Association – March 8th, 2022 Monthly Meeting

Via Zoom 6:30 pm

**Attendees:** John Matra, Patty Matra, Nick Salerno, Ann Riley, Michele Beringer, Donna Payne, Mary Withey, Elaine Williams, Charlene Reagan, Steve Reagan, and J.D. Wilcox

- Call to order: 6:35pm.
- Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021 meeting. Motion to accept: Charlene, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Nick, all in favor of approving.
- President's Report:
  - ALA Offseason Improvement / Activity: new blinds, new peel & stick floor, new toilet, new internal plumbing, and bathroom refresh. Supplies: mops & brooms in closet. New canvas decoration from Lake Day 2021 hung between bathrooms. Removed all old AV equipment from storage and disposed of. Moss on roof: insurance requirement per agent. Had signed contract, will send proof in Spring work completed, and that was accepted. Unanticipated expense of \$1,300 required per insurance requirement. Bid: 2 bathroom windows and doors installed (one in each bathroom). \$2,300 for product, install, painting, fixing deterioration repairs, etc. John would like to get 2 more bids. Snow removal: Tim Sabo doing a good job and price is equal or less, including shoveling for fire code egress.
  - Webstore: up and live, but no orders since December. Suggest waiting until we have new merchandise to post before re-launching. John asking everyone to email pictures from last year events so he can add to site.
  - ALD Update: March 26<sup>th</sup> 10am -12 noon. Soft launch to pick up passes on that day. Nick volunteered to go to the event to represent ALA. John to ask Donna to print a handout and provide sign-up sheet for recruiting interest. ALD Board: Treasurer and 1 other seat openings to be posted. John suggesting someone from ALA perhaps express interest to joining ALD board position to get some ALA representation
  - House Manager: John didn't receive any feedback on prior posting of role to report to VP (Nick). For Extinguishers: last time looked at that? Need to check tags and/or replace if needed. Elaine said Roger may be interested in assisting with this project. Cliff manages the codes for locks, but concern is they are battery-operated. Nick to ensure batteries are being changed. John requested whoever needs a key code to give to Nick (plus ALD members needed) so Nick can have Cliff refresh recodes. Nick and Patty to do assessment on clubhouse equipment (such as tables & chairs, movie screen, canopies in

shed to see what needs repair and/or what needs to be replaced. John asking Steve to look at sandwich boards to ensure they are functional. Will address around Memorial Day. Shed: need new lock on shed. Opened but won't close. Lock needs to be replaced. Mary would like to do window boxes out front – Patty to assist early May. Also discussed possibilities to close up Clubhouse over winter (winterize – do cost/benefit analysis)

- 2022/23 Membership Solicitation: price discussion per household/address. (Not looking to do a reduce rate for solo vs. household/address). Currently \$30/household, decided to keep 'as is'. Just need to do more recruiting. Need to start budgeting for upcoming expense/capital improvements for Clubhouse, including furnace & roof. Brainstormed several ideas for ways to increase revenue. Looking at 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to market ideas for merchandise. 80 years of Fun!
- Calendar / Activities: Yoga with Maureen starting Saturdays on the beach, Jim DeLise to do 4 fishing derbies, including 1 night event. Bingo July 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. TiKi Night: Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> with Beer Truck, BBQ Truck, and DJ. Another date (TBD): Hot Dogs on the beach. July 4<sup>th</sup>: vehicle parade or walking parade? Perhaps vehicle parade AFTER kids on bikes can ride thru (which is missed) with a Cookout at Clubhouse (vs. beach for easy clean-up). Nick to lead 4<sup>th</sup> of July initiative. Lake Day August 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a band (Al Fite!) interested in playing Lake Day (something to keep in mind). Skuttle Bug water activity? Crafts/craft table? Movie Night: Vote for movies; J.D. to get with Lisa to promote voting for 5 movies to pick best 3 (June, July, and August). Lobster Dinner: TBD
- Treasure's Report
  - Current Financial Status: Checking 2,544.51 Saving \$8,736.55. Only outstanding bill: Suburban \$500 for Sept. 2021 thru Feb. 2022
  - 2022/23 Budget: see handout): utility and maintenance (planned and unplanned): budgeted for upcoming year @ \$23,725 based on 200 members. 21655 (about \$2K more – driver being utilities). Ann to send Budget Proposal out to board for review for comments
  - Income Taxes filed: 2022 filed ahead of schedule!
- Committee Reports:
  - House: a few clubhouse rentals and a few being lined up
  - Public Relations/Communications
  - Social: Cinco De Mayo Event at Clubhouse (to be announced officially soon) being scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Some catered and some food prepared by members
  - Merchandise: sweatshirts (pullover hoodies) haven't been done in a while, so thinking something tied to 80<sup>th</sup> ALA Anniversary. Also looking for short-sleeve shirts and shorts. Idea for Coozies – John to get price on Coozies. Also get more ALA round stickers. Floating keychains: we gave out with Memberships years ago. Open to suggestions!

- Old Business
  - ALA @ 80: sub-committee focused on the history and promoting celebration of this milestone. There are a lot of great stories to share!
  - Bylaws: John spent winter reviewing and seeking input on about 5% of items (95% is fine) we need to revisit due to changes over time
- New Business: nothing new
- Adjourn: motioned by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann. 8:03pm
- Next meeting – April 12, 2022 (in person if possible/virtual for everyone else)

Respectfully Submitted

J.D. Wilcox