

ALA Meeting Minutes



Amston Lake Association – , July 14, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes Clubhouse – 6:00 pm

Attendees: John Matra, Nick Salerno, Ann Riley, Karen Hinch, Pam Hogan, Scott Henry, Patty Matra, Jodi Stubbings, Mary Withey, Cherie Shaft, Sandy Leppo, Dan Rackliffe, and Jack Girard

- John Matra called the meeting to order at 6:20.
- After all attendees introduced themselves, John Matra led a discussion about what types of volunteer help is needed for Lake Day. Duncan Keith will coordinate tent and table setup, and a schematic will be drawn up to help with efficiency on the morning of the event.

Lake Day Tees and Tanks will be available for sale for \$15, in various sizes. The cost for a wristband, which allows participation in Lake Day activities, will be \$5 for members, and \$10 for non-members, which covers up to 5 attendees. There is a \$1 charge for each attendee over 5. There will be a 50/50 raffle, and a treat station.

Lake Day is ALA's biggest fundraiser, and this year, costs will be reduced because ALD will pay for the second porta-potty, and we will have a DJ instead of a live band.

- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
 - June Meeting Minutes: motion to approve by Karen Hinch, seconded by Mary Withey, approved by all those attending the June meeting. There were none opposed.
- **President's Report**
 - Current membership now stands at 190, which is approximately the same as last year.
 - John opened discussion on the idea of offering a clubhouse rental as a raffle prize. The idea was well received.
 - We've updated the clubhouse brochure that goes into the new-resident packets to reflect the positive upgrades to the clubhouse, and the increased rental fees.
 - We have received the \$9,000 stipend from ALD.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Account Balances:** Liberty bank \$5,782.40 checking, and \$50 Savings

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- **Anticipated income in the next month**
 - The rebate for changing insurance companies was received, and it was more than expected. We received \$2,080. Coverage has been increased incrementally to \$450,000, with increased liability, at a lower cost, due to Ann's and John's efforts.
 - ALD stipend of \$9,000 was received.
- **Outstanding payments and/or invoices, upcoming expenses**
 - Hebron property taxes due in July are \$1,992.67, but the second half, due in January, has yet to be determined.
 - ALD district tax due is \$198.
 - Reimbursement was made to John Matra for the initial outlay of funds for the purchase of merchandise..
 - Savings have been realized from energy efficiency, energy negotiation, and property insurance changes. Additionally, significant savings will be realized from Lake Day expenses, as previously discussed.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Clubhouse**
 - Repairs to the masonry on both the clubhouse and the grill, have been completed by a volunteer. We are looking for a volunteer to paint the clubhouse masonry.
 - **Membership**
 - 2026 Membership - 190 members this year to date. There was discussion about including a note in the ALD tax bill regarding the benefits of ALA membership. Additionally, an email will be sent to past members who have not yet renewed.
 - **Public Relations / Communications**
 - A newsletter will be emailed to members every month.
 - **Events**
 - July 4th parade was fantastic and very popular. We quickly went through 125 ice cream treats.

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- Chocolate Bingo is off to a great start, and there have been a couple of beach Happy Hours.
- Tiki Night is July 25th, with Sauls food truck and Lil Chris live band scheduled.
- Other scheduled events include Big Bass Tournament on July 18, Lake Day August 8, Paella Dinner August 15 (our 5th year), and a second Karaoke Night in September.
- **Merchandise**
 - Special Lake Day T-shirts and tank tops will be available for sale Tiki Night.
- **New Business**
 - ALA Officer Elections will be held at the August meeting. Mary Withey has again volunteered to coordinate the election. Anyone interested in officer positions, or nominating someone for officer positions, should contact Mary.
- **Adjourn – Ann Riley motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:07, Nick Salerno seconded. All agreed**
- **Next meeting: August 11, 2026**

Respectfully,

Karen Hinch
Secretary