

## ALA Meeting Minutes



### Amston Lake Association – , June 9, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes Clubhouse – 6:30 pm

**Attendees:** John Matra, Nick Salerno, Susan Matyszyk, Ann Riley, Karen Hinch, Pam Hogan, Scott Henry, and Preston & Carol Records. Maureen Dagon joined the meeting at 7:00.

- **John Matra called the meeting to order at 6:36.**
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
  - **May Meeting Minutes:** motion to approve by Ann Riley, seconded by Susan Matyszyk, approved by all those attending the May meeting. There were five abstentions.
- **President's Report**
  - **The District's Annual Meeting was held on May 30. The \$9,000 stipend to ALA was approved as part of the budget presented by the Board. It will be received in July. At that meeting, John Matra showed a slide presentation of ALA activities, which was well received.**
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - **Account Balances: Liberty bank \$3,794 checking, and \$50 Savings**

Ann is working with Berkshire to close that old account.
  - **Anticipated income in the next month**
    - Rebate for changing insurance companies, approximately \$1,100, has not yet been received. Expected in 60-90 days. Agent did not cancel the old policy in a timely fashion.
    - ALD Stipend of \$9,000 expected in July.
    - 2026 Membership income –138 members this year to date – (\$4,140). There are two more membership-drive sessions in June.
  - **Outstanding payments and/or invoices, upcoming expenses**
    - Upcoming Sewer payment \$336 June/July
    - Building taxes – June/July ~\$4,000
    - Reimbursement to John Matra for initial merchandise order - \$2,269

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- Savings have been realized from energy efficiency, energy negotiation, and property insurance changes. Additionally, significant savings will be realized from Lake Day expenses: The additional porta potty will be paid for by ALD this year, and we will have a DJ this year instead of a live band.
- **Committee Reports**
- **Clubhouse**
    - Repairs to the clubhouse: Great news – Nick Giuliano has offered to donate his masonry services to repair the masonry on the south wall. ALA will pay for materials, which will be approximately \$40. Work will take place this week. We must acknowledge!
    - There have been no new rentals since notice went out of the rate increase at July 1.
    - The rental contract has been updated to disallow glitter, and it has been posted.
    - Stumps have been ground, and lights have been hung.
    - Nick Salerno is looking for a new mowing contractor. Current contractor's rates seem high.
    - Thanks go to Jeff and Mary Withey for the beautiful window boxes.
  - **Public Relations / Communications / Membership**
    - 2026 Membership - 138 members this year to date, compared to 168 at this time last year. There are two more membership-drive sessions in June. Additionally, an email will be sent to past members who have not yet renewed.
  - **Event Calendar**
    - Saturday's fishing derby, run by Jim Delisle, was quite successful. A second Karaoke Night has been scheduled for September. Chocolate Bingo starts on June 17, Beach Happy Hour on June 24, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Tiki Night on July 25, Lake Day on August 8, and Paella Dinner is August 15.
    - The hotdog social will be held after all membership efforts are completed.
    - Other ideas discussed include a mini-golf tournament, grill 'n chill, and a craft fair. It was noted that extensive volunteer effort is required to organize a craft fair, and no substantial offers have yet come forth.

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- **Merchandise**
  - Tie-died T-shirts will be ordered (36) for July 4. The image is the lake surrounded by 13 stars, to emphasize US250.
  - Special Lake Day T-shirts will be designed.
  
- **New Business**
  - Discussion that there have been a few community members who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. We could make the clubhouse available for a bereavement gathering. There was general agreement that ALA can play a helpful role to our community at such a time. Also discussed was acknowledgement in the form of a card from ALA when someone experiences a loss. Further discussion is needed.
  - Ann Harford wants to donate a dogwood tree in honor of her partner, Bill Bennison, who passed away. John Matra will communicate with her directly regarding her generous offer.
  - Thanks to Susan Matyszyk for her service as Secretary!
  
- **Adjourn – Ann Riley motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:08, Nick Salerno seconded. All agreed**
  
- **Next meeting: July 14, 2026**

**Respectfully,**  
**Karen Hinch**  
**Secretary**