

Amston Lake Association – 3/11/2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

In Person: John Matra, Maureen Dagon, Ann Riley, Nick Salerno, Laura Santoro, Nancy Fabian, Patty Arnestad

Via Zoom: JD Wilcox, Mary Withey

- Call to Order-6:34
- Review November meeting
 - Not a quorum – no minutes to approve
 - Went over year end wrap up
 - Ended year with 202 household members
- President's report
 - Update on off season
 - Tree Work - \$1300 – 8 trees taken down: total of \$3,500 for 2024
 - Social Events – coffees; highlight – Noon Year's Eve party, about 40 people
 - Propane Monitor – service contract on furnace, no furnace issues; monitor installed - \$144/year
 - Tables – picked up 6 – 5-foot round tables from senior center
 - Exterior Painting – on schedule for spring
- Old Business
 - Electrician – fix light box; get plug for dehumidifier and fix outside light fixture
- Membership
 - Dues
 - Keep at \$30.00
 - Membership cards for the season (250)
 - Membership night – to say thank you; pick a night for members only
 - Keep member/non-member rate for events

- ALD boat pass and membership drive dates, Club House
 - Saturday, April 5, 11:00 – 2:00
 - Saturday, April 19th, 11:00 – 2:00
 - Saturday, May 10th, 11:00 – 1:00 (Hot Dog Social)
 - Saturday, May 24th, 11:00 – 2:00
 - Saturday, June 14th, 11:00 – 1:00
 - Sunday, June 29th, 11:00 – 1:00
 - Hotdog social
 - May 10th at membership and pass distribution times
 - ALA member Lake Day VIP Package Raffle
 - Winner drawn on Tiki Night
 - Get one raffle ticket when you become a member and purchase an additional ticket for \$10.00 each
 - 10x10 on main beach, VIP parking space
 - Free admission for up to 5
 - \$25.00 in 50/50 tickets
 - \$25.00 in raffle tickets
 - \$25.00 food credit
- Events
 - March 13th, Coffee
 - July 4th, Parade
 - July 12th, Yoga Fest
 - Full day of activities and tentative schedule
 - Goat Yoga this year
 - July 19th, Tiki Night, Saults Food truck
 - August 2nd, Lake Day – Yummy Wagon food truck
 - August 16th, Paella Dinner
- Treasurer's Report
 - \$800.00 in checking
 - \$2,000 in savings
 - \$700.00 in bills
 - Internet pricing was negotiated \$20.00/months
- Committee Reports
 - House – none
 - Merchandise Update

- Working on a couple of designs; will have merch for first boat pass day
 - Will sell last year's merch for a discounted rate
- Public Relations/Communication committee
 - Lisa Salerno has been updating FB – thank you
 - Mary will help with signage
- Social
 - Greenleaf has new owners; sponsor happy hour Thursday night in April - TBD
 - Committee will Meet and come up with schedule
- New Business
 - Memorials – Donna Payne and Linda Horan
 - Tree for both
 - Donna at Lollipop
 - Linda at Oakland Right of Way
 - Zoom
 - Renew for \$159.00 per year
 - Spring Clean-up
 - Not as arduous as last year: clean up picnic tables, upkeep on grounds, cleaning chairs and tables. Saturday or Sunday – TBD
 - Ceiling
 - Assessment of ceiling - some good tiles and some not so good tiles; what's the best plan of action for fixing ceiling.
 - Ask Jeff to help determine how many tiles we would need to be replaced
 - Sign boards
 - Go up week before first boat pass distribution
 - New Interest groups
 - Culture club (Maureen and Laurel)
 - Go to museum exhibits and other interesting things monthly; come if you want, meet at the club house
 - New Britain Museum – American Impressionists
 - Wadsworth – Islamic Art

- Woodbury – outdoor sculptures – larger than life
 - Wickham Park
 - CT Art Trail
- ALD
 - Conversations about continued improvements in clubhouse
 - John suggested cost share and they are considering this
 - Fundraising as a possibility
 - \$9,000 stipend from ALD to ALA (annual stipend)
 - Frank Hoisl is stepping down so we'll have a new President
 - ALD do something at the May 31st ALD meeting to recognize Frank

- Fundraiser idea: Possible ALD tag sale (junk in the trunk) at the clubhouse in late August (weekend before Labor Day)

- Motion to adjourn the meeting: 7:20
- Next Meeting April 8

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Fabian