

Meeting Minutes
Amston Lake Association – May 9th, 2023 Monthly Meeting
Hybrid Meeting: Clubhouse and Zoom 6:30 pm

- Attendees: John Matra, Nick Salerno, Ann Riley, Sue Matyszyk, Donna Payne, Pam Hogan, Dan Hogan, Nancy Fabian, Laura Santoro, Karen Wax, Cliff Boyce, Karen Hinch, Amy Larew, Nicole Graczewski
- Call to order: 6:32pm by John Matra
- Approval of Minutes from April 11th, 2023 meeting: approved by all in attendance.

President's Report

- ALD Update: John has been involved in extensive conversations with ALD regarding an ALD contribution of approx. \$30K to help make some much needed repairs to the Clubhouse. The repairs will need to be performed by several different contractors. The ALD budget still needs to be approved.
- 2023/24 Membership Solicitation: going well, approx. 70 members. On-line credit card payment system is now live (as of May 8th).
- Calendar / Activities: coffee Thursday 5/11 9am – 1aam. Saturday Yoga scheduled, book club 5/16, a Yoga Dance on 5/18, and May 20th is the ALD Annual Meeting via Zoom. Pre-registration required. We encourage all to pre-register and attend and vote. Begins 10am. May 27th: Hot Dog Social and Beach Pass handouts at Clubhouse. We sold 40 last year. Running 10am – 1pm. June 1st: Speaker Series: Alaska and Grizzly Bears!
- John will be running for 1st Selectman. Fall will become busy for John. Vote Nov. 7th!

Treasure's Report

- Current Financial Status: Checking balance: \$3,182.59 Saving balance: \$6,738.96. We are about the same as last year, with exception of a \$1,000 deposit made this year, which was made of a combination of merchandise and new memberships purchased in April 2023. Berkshire Bank Commercial fee schedule is changing, but it really doesn't impact us because we don't bounce checks, we don't initiate transfers by calling (we do on-line), and we don't need official checks.

Committee Reports

- House: Clubhouse rental price is raising effective June 1st (by \$50), so book now. We did get one person who booked in 2024!
- Clubhouse repairs: we are getting an attic ladder and a new (bigger) toilet.

Public Relations/Communications: sign-boards will be going out this Friday 5/12. 4 sandwich boards and 1 big board near Clubhouse. Also advertise on Facebook. Talked about a monthly email summarizing events.

Merchandise

Sue Matyszyk said we have 8 mugs left (out of 144) so ordering another 72 mugs. Previewed new merchandise, including Koozies. Presented 50 wine tumblers, which we would charge maybe \$16/each. Also ordering new pillows (case and stuffing). John wants to keep merch pricing reasonable, so it sells. Vote to make purchases on merchandise presented in various quantities was taken: all were in favor.

- New ALA Logo: 4 designs presented by a local resident. Committee liked 1 logo specifically. ALA would still keep the oars, but this new logo would be used occasionally. Some tee-shirts would have

Amston Lake (not word Association) so it's more marketable to those who may not be affiliated with the Association.

Old Business

Door codes: get to Nick by Monday! Cliff will code in.

New Business

Review of Calendar dates (events on website) – will be adding proposed Movie Nights soon. Amy and Nicole presented a new fundraising concept: Flamingo Flocking! 4 sets of (15) birds (total of 60 birds) to Flock someone. Examples of how you can fundraise were discussed (including buying insurance to protect your property from being flocked). Suggest running for 4 weeks to keep the timeline tight and minimize volunteers needed. John asking for details (specifically the flyer that is left on everyone's door who is flocked) so we can gauge interest.

Lake Day

We will discuss assignments at next meeting. We will have a food truck and beer truck at Lake Day this year, and we will have a new band (as Cover to Cover is double-booked). Nicole will still run the Kid's Tent.

- Adjourn at 7:01pm per John Matra, all in favor.
- Next meeting – June 13th, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
J.D. Wilcox