



**Minutes - Amston Lake Association – April 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting  
Hybrid - In Person at the Clubhouse & via Zoom**

**In Person: John Matra, Ann Riley, Donna Payne, Ann Harford, Nancy Bilmes, Brienne Tripp,  
Laura Santoro**

**Zoom: Mary Withey, Charlene Reagan, Pam Hogan, Karen Hinch**

- Call to order 6:31pm
- Approval of Minutes from March meeting  
Motion to approve: Ann Riley, Seconded: Laura Santoro
- President's Report
  - General Update
    - New ramp donated anonymously. Installed by Brett. The old slab (with the year engraved) was cut into two pieces and put as landings for the back doors.
    - Mary got in touch with Will (retired plumber): we now have water out back.
    - Wish List: Landscaping in front – Sherri Anne Marin – Master Gardner developing plan for native, low-maintenance plants, flower boxes will be done with annuals and other flowers.
    - The two big bushes on sides of Clubhouse will be removed
    - Tree removal contract signed – Two dead ash trees and one big branch will be taken care of soon.
    - Will do a clean-up of yard so we can spend time outside without all the brush.
    - Painting the block – we have two estimates. Repairs need to happen first, then wash, scrape. Paint the outside doors black and separate bid to paint walls inside.
    - Painting exterior and doors is roughly \$2,000: this is a priority.
  - Boat Pass Distribution 4/13, 5/5 (Sunday), 5/25, 6/15, 6/30 (Sunday)
    - First boat pass distribution, dates online. Merchandise booths will be set up.
  - Clubhouse Repair and Fundraising Update
    - We will set up an avenue for fundraising.
- 2024/2025 Membership
  - New Cards – arriving 4/10/2024

- Merchandise
  - Logo will now be the outline of the lake with coordinates. It won't contain the words "Amston Lake"
    - Pint glasses, stickers, t-shirts
  - Merchandise for special events – we can open up the store (for example, have special t-shirts for events, people order them with a deadline and then pick up prior to the event or we can ship to people if they are residents. This way we don't have extra inventory.
 

Also we still have leftover merchandise.
- Membership – No updates at this time – people can pay with cash, check, or "Square"
- Upcoming Events – Listed on website
  - Maybe do something for Cinco de Mayo....?
- Treasurer's Report
  - All Winter bills are paid
  - Tree work will be \$1,900
  - \$1,631 – Checking
  - \$1,741 – Savings
  - All vendors who have done work for us have been paid.
- Committee Reports
  - House (this was covered at the beginning of meeting)
  - Merchandise Update (this was covered)
  - Public Relations/Communications
    - Donna is ready to put the signs up
    - Social – No report
- New Business
  - Clean up the yard so we can use the Clubhouse more.
  - Picnic tables need to be power-washed.
  - Adopt-A-Table
    - Adopter – buys paint, design in good taste, family-friendly design. There are 7 tables, 3 have already been claimed.
    - Remove tree before painting

- Open House 5/19
- ALD has a meeting on Saturday, 5/18 at Douglas Library. They asked for ALA to provide a couple of slides to their meeting. We should invite ALD to our Open House.
- Hot Dog Social – May 25<sup>th</sup> with pass distribution
- Jimmy Buffet Event (Ann Riley to present)
  - Brainstorming: Theme - “It’s 5 o’clock somewhere on Amston Lake” and maybe provide cheeseburgers. Considering hosting this is the Clubhouse because could have a grill. Fundraising event.
  - Possibility of Taylor Swift concert on the beach.
  - Discussion about maybe obtaining a movie license so we can show movies with copyrights.
  - Bingo Dates and Snowbird dinner are on the website.
  - Tiki Night: July 20
  - Lake Day: August 3
  - Paella Dinner: August 17
- Social – No report
- Adjourn: 7:00pm - Motion to adjourn – Ann Riley; Seconded by John Matra and Ann Harford
- Next meeting – May 14, 2024
- Respectfully submitted Laura Santoro