



Minutes -- Amston Lake Association – September 14th, 2021 Monthly Meeting

Attendees: John Matra, Ann Riley, J.D. Wilcox, Donna Payne, Michelle Beringer, Karen Hinch, Steve Reagan

- Call to order: 6:32pm
- Approval of the Minutes from last meeting: motioned by Elaine Williams, second by Steve Reagan. All in favor, yes.
- President's Report
 - Web store: August 20th: 3 sales within 20 minutes of opening, but no sales since. We will send a reminder with a member discount using a code. Steve pointed out Christmas ornaments will be coming soon. That may be the time to send the discount code.
 - Insurance: being cancelled Oct. 24th based on a claim from 2015 due to a tree falling on the roof of the clubhouse. Spooked insurer because we were asking for liability coverage for things outside of the clubhouse. Going forward, we will post a Waiver of Liability, meaning participation will be voluntary/at will. Our insurer has another company lined up, but concern is clubhouse condition. We may be able to have an inspection to help us with the underwriting approach. John filed report with CT with list of officers to keep us legal, filed in September.
 - Tim Sabo: \$40/every 2 weeks to mow. Working well!
 - Plumbing: sink under kitchen & not to code. \$200 to correct. To fix 2nd bathroom operational is about \$600. Primary bathroom: need to upgrade to a high efficiency toilet (includes rough in) operational is also about \$600. Going thru

ton of water so it will pay for itself in time based on water usage. Total about \$1,400. John proposes moving forward with repairs. Ann initiated and Donna seconded the motion to approve these repairs. Steve asked if there were shut-offs included. John and Ann to meet with Adam (plumber) on Monday to go over details and scope. Vote on motion: all in favor.

- Season recap: John proposes educational seminars being offered to the 70% year-round residents for things like Word, Excel, etc. – perhaps RHAM students could volunteer for community service to teach some basic courses?
- Proposed Dept. of Public Works near Kinney Rd which could have an environmental impact on our lake – not to mention traffic. Up for public referendum in May 2022, so we have time to develop our position on concerns.
- Committee Reports:
 - Events: Fishing Derby this Saturday and a few more Yoga sessions, but that's it for 2021
 - Rentals: we have a few rentals coming up (Nick not on call) & we have some cleaners lined up
 - Merchandise: pretty much over for season. Steve and Charlene going to FL for winter, so we will need to find a storage place for merch. We will continue to handle hand-delivery locally. May also be able to mail.
- Treasure Report: \$8k stipend from ALD received in August. Beginning balance \$9,542; Expenses \$5,888; Income \$14,313. Ending balance: \$17,971; \$3,734.81 in Saving. : \$21,706
- Public Relations/Communications: nice job to Donna for signs with all of the rain. Nice job to Lisa for marketing/promoting. We will need new signs in March.
- Social: Oktoberfest cancelled due to risk of not having outside. Nothing else scheduled.
- Other New Business?

- Question: should we consider cancelling other indoor events (Christmas)? Santa outdoors with Fire Department anticipated to remain on schedule. We will need to monitor COVID situation and plan accordingly. Potentially Rockoff's mansion for something around Halloween. TBD.
- Steve question: apparently someone tried to park at clubhouse, maybe trying to get wi-fi? John to change wi-fi password (it's been a few months)
- Next Meeting Oct. 11th at 6:30pm. John will be out of town; Nick to determine date/time
- Adjourned: Ann motioned and Steve seconded. Adjourned at 7:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

J.D. Wilcox, Secretary