

ALA Meeting Minutes



Amston Lake Association – March 10, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes Clubhouse – 6:30 pm

Attendees: John Matra, Susan Matyszyk, Ann Riley, Maureen Dagon, Michele Beringer, Mary Withey (Zoom). Board Members not in attendance: Nick Salerno, Vice President

- **Meeting called to order at 6:41** by John Matra, seconded by Sue Matyszyk and attendees.
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
 - November Minutes approved by Sue Matyszyk, seconded by Ann Riley
- **President's Report**
 - **Off Season Recap**
 - There has been a lot of exciting and successful activities this off season to include:
 - Thanksgiving Pot luck & wine tasting
 - Santa's Visit
 - Holiday Party and pot luck
 - Noon Years Eve Party
 - Happy hour in partnership, at the ARK, Colchester
 - Monthly Book Club
 - Monthly Coffee hour
 - Drop in Craft days
 - Clubhouse made available for the Hebron Food Bank Volunteer Party
 - New extra-large TV donated (thank you Beringer's); and speaker (thank you Van Buiten's)
 - ALD has started a Capitol Improvement fund; long term improvements for the clubhouse. This year contribution is \$2,500.
- **2026/2027 ALA Priorities**
 - Annex Repair/Masonry (estimated \$2500-5000)
 - New Shed (estimated -\$3,000-6,000)
 - Revenue Generation – ideas discussed
 - Paint inside of clubhouse, refresh bathrooms - volunteers from members
 - Investigate joining ALD plowing contract; Tim has indicated he does not have the equipment. Looking to have contract with removal schedule and prices based upon inches of snow fall.
 - Evaluate insurance vendors as noted under Clubhouse section

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- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Account balances \$462 Checking; \$86 Saving
 - Clubhouse rentals coming up
 - Changed Banks to save charges to Liberty Bank for all funds/Feb 20th.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Clubhouse:**
 - House rental updates – steady during off season
 - Snow Plow contract to be bid for next season
 - Clubhouse insurance – Increases in premiums with current broker; rebid for new insurance
 - Zoom Agreement – Cancelled, saving \$170/yr, using free services.
 - **Public Relations and Communications**
 - **ALA Membership and ALD Pass Distribution Dates:**
 - April 18, May 3, May 23, June 13 and June 28th
 - Membership cards created “in-house” for this year
 - Emails to be sent out with information to members for events; designate at meetings what volunteers are needed and communicate in emails, etc.
 - **Event Calendar – Hold the dates:**
 - May 22 – Karaoke Night, July 4 – Parade, July 25 – Tiki Night, August 8 – Lake Day, August 15 – Paella Dinner.
 - Details will be posted as dates approach and more events will be added throughout the season!
 - Lake Day will hire DJ instead of band, saving \$\$\$, and ALD will pay for the extra porta potty, saving ~\$300.
 - Suggestion was agreed to use the clubhouse TV to have slide show during Membership Drive with pictures of past events (recruiting)
 - Hotdog social talked about for May 23rd
 - Discussion about Open House; Grill and Chill Dinner
 - **Merchandise Update**
 - There will be merchandise estimated to be ready for the membership and ALD boat pass sessions starting April 18
 - Meeting with vendors March 11, for needs
 - Looking to have t-shirts, short/long and sweatshirts and remaining inventory from last year
 - Discussion of limited-edition merch, (4th July, lake day, etc.)
- **Adjourn** – Maureen Dagon motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:30 Ann Riley seconded, all agreed
- **Next meeting:** April 14, 2026

Respectfully,

Susan Matyszyk