



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Amston Lake Association – August 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 Election Meeting**  
**Clubhouse Brunch**

Attendees: John Matra, Nick Salerno, Ann Riley, J.D. Wilcox, Laura Santoro, Nancy Fabian, Mary Withey, Pam Hogan, Michele Beringer, Patty Matra, and Sue Matyszyk.

- Call to order: 10:15am by John Matra, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Salerno

Approval of Minutes from July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting: approved by Mary 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Salerno. All in favor.

- President's Report
  - Clubhouse siding: \$26K, of which \$20K is to be funded by ALD. Will be scheduled in Spring 2024, which gives us time to do some fundraising and pick colors, etc.
  - The President of Lake Williams contacted John Matra to propose a friendly competition for various event. Perhaps we will go to their lake for an event, and they will come to our lake for an event?
  - Elections: Mary received interest in re-election for board member positions from John Matra, Nick Salerno, and Ann Riley. J.D. is stepping down but nominated (2) potential candidates for Secretary: Laura Santoro and Nancy Fabian.
  - Yoga Fest: 7/8. 40 participants. 9-10 concurrent sessions all day. Catered lunch from Rose Café! The feedback was terrific!
  - Tiki Night was fantastic. The band was awesome. The Food Truck ran out early, but traditionally we've had 70-80 people attend. This year, we had over 200 show up! BOOKED for next year: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Lake Day: 510 people showed up! Last year we had 360, and in 2021 we had 300. So an amazing turnout! The band was excellent – great variety of music. Everyone agreed we should have them back again next year. Thank you to all volunteers who helped make Lake Day such a success. Next Lake Day: Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
  - Chocolate Bingo: anticipate making over \$300 in revenue for season. Attendance average about 30 per game night.
  - Paella Dinner: today in parking lot, and it's Sold Out. Great weather in today's forecast! There will be a 50/50 raffle that will benefit the local food pantry, as they are in DIRE NEED. Ann was there on Thursday and the shelves were bare. Paella Dinner has been BOOKED again for next year, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024!
- Treasure's Report
  - Current Financial Status: Checking balance: \$4,415. Saving balance: \$6,739.47
- Committee Reports
  - House: a few rentals scheduled. One had to be cancelled because it was for a "for profit". Our charter states the Clubhouse is for ALA community use. But can't be advertised outside the AL community to solicit people to attend.

- Clubhouse: the plan is to keep the Clubhouse open during the winter season, like we did last year.
  - Merchandise: we've done well this year. But we still have merchandise, including sweatshirts, wine tumblers, coffee mugs, bottle ornaments, and lots of Koozies in a variety of colors! Merchandise does sell well around the holidays. Next year, we plan on ordering in March, so we have new merchandise in time for the season. Discussed how some (Laura Santos, Nancy Fabian, and others) made their own shirts for Lake Day. J.D. will send pictures of their shirts to John Matra. Goal is to perhaps have shirts for sale specifically for Lake Day (no date, so they can be used any year).
  - Public Relations/Communications: Donna has been doing a great day with signs.
  - Social:
    - Movie Night 8/26., playing Super Mario Brothers.
    - October Fest Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. We have the accordion player booked, who will play for 1.5 hours. We will be having a Beer Tasting with just CT German-style beers. We will have food with a server.
    - Thanksgiving Potluck: planning in the works. Planning for November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Election of Officers for 20232/2024 Season:
    - John Matra for President
    - Nick Salerno for Vice-President
    - Ann Riley for Treasurer
    - Lisa Salerno and Nancy Fabian for Co-Secretary (one Corresponding Secretary, and other for Recording Secretary)
    - Motion to vote made by Pam, Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>: Voting: all in favor, YES! Congrats to our new Amston Lake Association Board!
  - Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Meeting to adjourn at 11:10am made by Ann, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty. All in favor, meeting adjourned.