



Meeting Minutes

Amston Lake Association – July 14th, 2020 Monthly Meeting – Via Zoom

Attendees: John Matra (President), Nick Salerno (VP), J.D. Wilcox (Secretary), Patty Matra, Donna Payne, Charlene Reagan, Drew Gibson, John Connor, Brie Tripp, Arlene Libonati, Michael Libonati

- Call to order at 6:35pm
- Approval of the Minutes from May (corrected) and last meeting. Discuss prior meeting minutes.
J.D. motioned, Charlene Reagan, 2nd the motion. Voted to accept.
- J.D. is now formally Secretary of ALA for remainder of the term.
- Movie Night recap: have had (2) movies in past month: Wall E and The Princess Bride. Both went well, people respectfully maintained social distancing. Had great help with set-up/breakdown crew. Budget has been used by purchasing an inflatable screen, which can be used if/when we don't have enough people to transport/set-up the big screen or for smaller events, such as Bingo Night on the beach. Proposed doing a Movie Concert on the beach: J.D. suggested Billy Joel, Live at Shea Stadium, tentatively planning for Saturday August 8th.
- 4th of July Parade. Well received, great feedback! Nick organized and felt it went well. Close to 40 cars with lots of people watching roadside. Maybe something to consider for next year, maybe extending from Lollipop Beach to Main Beach.
- Elections: Will be held at our August meeting. ALD elections was cumbersome. Send notice that voting will be August and present nominees. John proposed sending something out to the effect of 'Unless others wish to nominate someone new, here is the Board...'
- Lobster Fest Food Truck: John reached to a Lobster Truck (no response) where they would deliver pre-paid meals, and we would set tables socially-distanced apart on The Green. Charlene

said similar event had great success in Florida. Consensus is food trucks are booked thru summer months and therefore not responding. Michael to reach out to see if food truck Lobster Tails is available, Ideally a Saturday night...Michael to check. Committee: Brie, Nick, Drew, Patty to vet out event. Patty to chair committee.

- Bingo: Charlene likes idea of trying on the beach. John mentioned needs to be dark. Charlene: wants kids to participate, so maybe do it without the screen? They have done so in the past without a screen. Good for earlier, no screen, just PA system. BYO markers, chairs, etc. Giving out Chocolate as a prize. Usually done Tuesday nights (pre-COVID). To be held on Tuesday August 4th and August 18th on Main Beach at 6:30pm. J.D. will try to assist with PA on 1st night, but may need help of others on other nights. Charlene to send Lisa info to post. Nick (and others) offered to assist as needed.
- Question on functions held at Lollipop vs. Main Beach: issue is parking and no electricity. Also, there is more space on Main Beach.
- Lake Day: doubt there is a way to responsibly do this. Still at 50 people max outside (currently). Charlene and Drew like my idea of the Movie Concert. Pinning for August 8th.
- Treasurer's Report: Elaine Williams unable to attend, but gave information to John Matra, Balance Checking: \$11,492.00. Saving: \$3,732.00. Received ALA tax bills, but not yet received ALD funding.
- Committee Reports: Lake Health and ROW/Beaches meeting held at the clubhouse. Marty has been mowing lawn. Frank Hoisel (ALD president) asked about COVID requirements for meeting: we have wipes, asking people to wipe down tables and chairs after every use.
- Clubhouse rental: Nick needs Agreement, rental August 1st.
- Fund raising report: turned in more than spent! If we sell everything spent, we will clear \$500. Have some shirts (mostly ladies available), stickers went well, only 21 left

- Public Relations/Communications: can we get signs with bigger letters? We are getting better with software, 1st attempt for 4th of July. Donna has ideas on sign colors and placement, but feels we (overall) have too many signs. Placement depends on what group wants, 5 is a lot.
- Social: Nothing to discuss. John Connor suggested providing non-ALA members a method to sign up (website, etc.)
- New Business: website: John Matra: existing website difficult to maintain & update, only 49 people registered. Donna agreed it is not user friendly and has limitations on content (10 pages max). Equivalent to DOS. Time for a new website! John looked at Go Daddy.
www.amstonlakeassociation.com is available as a Domain for about \$20/year. Has ability to accept payments (such as lobster night or purchasing shirts). John looking to do more research on fees and security concerns, but also user friendly and easy to maintain.
- Brie Tripp presented a function idea: break world record with most # of floats on a lake? Maybe Max can take pic from down for "Float Day"! Sponsorship with ALA may be an issue due to liability insurance. We are not covered as an association in lake or on the lake. Doubt ALD would either because Swim at Your Own Risk. Difficult time getting underwritten for water events. But can do individually.
- Other: Jeff Greenfield (ALD board member) finds it admirable we are not charging dues, but suggested a Go Fund Me page to consider. We are in a Dues Holiday, so not dues but donations. In-kind donations have been made and are appreciated. Comments: Go Fund Me pages seems like we're desperate, and we are not (at least now).
- Nick: email from resident Yoga and Acoustic Music. Has insurance, new resident, looking to promote. Will present to Maureen to ensure no conflict of interest.
- Adjourn: Drew 1st, Connie 2nd the motion. At 7:42pm.

Next Meeting August 11th, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

J.D. Wilcox