

Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Date: August 28, 2023

Location: Hawthorn Clubhouse

Start - End Times: 20:30 - 22:00

Aurora Lake Association Board of Directors			
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance
Matt Kolar	Chairman	HHOA	Yes
Bryan Gallo	Vice Chairman	HHOA	Yes
Tiffany Hattendorf	Treasurer	ASHA	Yes
<i>Unassigned</i>	Sergeant at Arms		
John Vargo	Secretary	HHOA	Yes
Joe Leslie	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes
Mike Laur	Committee Director	HHOA	Yes
Joe Kovatch	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes

Schedule

- 20:00 - 20:30 - Executive Session
- 20:30 - 21:30 - Public Session

Agenda

Roll Registry:

Previous Action Items:

- Board: Review and consolidate previous/existing studies to document options and develop strategic action plan to address lake health, i.e., additional studies, short-term steps, city/developer/EPA escalation, dredging cost/benefit analysis, dependencies holding up progress, long-term plan following results of reparation trial

Minutes

- Roll Call
 - All Board of Directors present
- Introduce newest board member: Joe Kovach
- **Motion** - Approve June 14th Meeting Minutes - Approved
 - Reminder: Minutes are documented and reviewed after the meeting, then ratified at the following public session, after which they are posted and made available publicly.
- Criminal Theft Case Resolution
 - Bryan Gallo provided a summary of judgment, including probation and reparation details.
- *Financials*
 - Tiffany Hattendorf:
 - Acct 5924 - \$72,470.35
 - Acct 6655 - \$241,927.17
 - Milners Check was deposited on 10/10 (day of judgement)
 - D & O Insurance updated, current (Please note that I previously requested permission to pay the D & O. This was actually for the watercraft insurance and umbrella if our records need to be updated
 - Previous payment was mistakenly interpreted as D&O, but was for watercraft insurance. Noted for record.
 - **Motion** to pay the D&O insurance, Tiffany/Kolar. Approved unanimously.
 - Second Half County Taxes are paid
 - Application nearly complete for County Tax Exemption
 - Financial Audit Passed - review to be done with Accounting Firm late in the fall when we wrap the season
 - Need two more items for the Accountant to complete 2021 taxes and subsequently 2022 extension was filed
 - For next meeting, assessment and proposal for

- Estimating ~\$20k outstanding taxes dues this year
- **Action item:** verify insurance status of the “stink boat”
- \$25 fee from Cincinnati -

Related to insurance: Plates for trailer

Action item: John Vargo to follow up and acquire valid license for trailer.
Took possession of title.

Total Owed from ASHA - \$116,225
2021-\$19,600 Balance of Stickers
2022 - \$28,350 Estimate for Stickers
2023 - \$45,350 Yearly Dues + \$23,925 Stickers

(The bank statement and quicken will not reflect this yet so I will print and bring what is available online)

- Taxes
- Non-Profit status
 - Call with accountant scheduled to discuss readiness to apply for non-profit status.
- An account was created during the fundraising efforts 2019-2021.
- Fishery Evaluation
 - Kolar reviewed 2023 Fish Study and recommendations
 - **Action item:** Submit recommendation for limiting catch size for crappie to both HHOA and ASHA
 - Carp 38 vs 207 in 2021
 - Fish Study is posted on ALA website
 - Noted observation/confirmation of high turbidity and lack of vegetation issues
 - Vegetation recommendation added to ALA project review list for evaluation over the off-season
 - Carp Removal update
 - Action item: Establish November 1 as cutoff for carp derby
 - Action item: Board to consider creating a Venmo account for ALA
- Wildlife
 - Geese – need replacement for Anthony
 - Ducks
 - **Action item:** Look into duck control options
- Water Testing
 - Algae testing - over \$3000 budget, currently at \$5000
 - Each data point increased by \$30-40
 - Added 3 toxins to testing panel
 - Trending results have shown good water quality
 - Note budget for next year will need to increase, projecting ~\$6-8k
 - **Action item:** Evaluate other labs for better cost

- Discussed treatment options and costs, complexity and risks that treatment will be ineffective.
- **Action item:** Tiffany: Suggested developing a “plan of action” to react in event of negative testing result to execute
- Projects
 - Dredging
 - Solitude Lake Management meeting scheduled.
 - Local contact meeting being setup.
 - Joe Leslie meeting w/ city of Aurora
 - Met with City of Aurora about Aurora Lake Road feed forebay in mid-July
 - City of Aurora interested in pursuing, do not have budget.
 - Added storm water controls at Sherwood and Robin Hood
 - Optimistic that Geauga Lake purchase will lead to storm water control
 - **Action item:** Continue discussion with Hawthorne development and City of Aurora to develop strategy
 - Update on West Creek acquisition of property north of Glenwood Blvd
 - West Creek will launch a study to evaluate water flow control measures which will aid in silt inflow to lake
 - Forebays usually installed to aid in construction impacts
 - Golf course upstream imparts significant nutrients into lake
- Water Level Sensor - Gallo
 - Dashboard
 - Calibrated with support of Jim Prohaska and correlated with dam level readings
 - Dashboard [link](#)
 - Currently temporarily installed, looking at options to install on dam
 - Evening of Wednesday 8/23/23
- Dam Gate Proposal
 - Kovach represented ALA at ASHA meeting to verify option to install at dam
 - Proposal to add dam gate height sensor to spare input on data logger
- ALA Boats
 - Sold old patrol boat to Kelly Marine for \$1500
 - Storage for both boats
 - Need to store work boat now to remove from Hawthorn dock area
 - **Action item:** Contact TJ Asher for quote to store workboat ASAP
 - Winter storage
 - Consider (new quote) Ravenna Marine (Tiffany)
 - Consider Mantua Marine (Leslie)
 - Consider TJ Asher offers storage in Solon (Kovach)
- Lake Patrol
 - Mike Laur assumed responsibility
 - Updated on general volume/ nature of infractions
 - ALA does not have ASHA email addresses to deliver infractions
 - Question - Duties of patrol

- Response: Observe, coach, document infractions
 - Question: can patrol offer assistance to support distressed boats, e.g., ropes, spare gas, etc.
 - **Action item:** Board to take under consideration.
 - **Action item:** Board evaluating options for better markings/ identification for patrol boat
 - Note: last scheduled shift Monday Sept 4th
- Ski Course
 - Concerns:
 - If a home installs a ski wall, waves will bounce back to course
 - If moved, hazard buoys will move in
 - ALA approves application from ski club for placement
 - Consider recommending shoreline improvement for erosion control
 - Conversation of placement considerations
- Erosion
 - Kovach suggesting ALA institute rule and responsibility of approving boat lifts
 - Include a stipulation to protect shoreline before granting approval
 - _____ asking us to suggest to HHOA to institute rules to manage shoreline and place limits on how far docks can extend into the water
 - **Action item:** consult with legal counsel to determine what we can pursue.

Public Questions:

We can begin w/ Kevin's questions.

1 – Capital Improvement Planning Strategy document and include it on the website:

Capital Improvement Planning Strategy

- *Generate lists of potential projects / ideas.*
 - *[Thoughts on creating a Google form and posting it on the website for community to submit their capital improvement project ideas? I can knock this out and add a link to the agenda for tomorrow night if no one objects.]*
- *Analyze previous lake health/improvement study to qualify options*
- *Execute reserve study to assess costs*
- *Evaluate feasibility of cost vs benefit*
- *Determine timeline and execution plan of actionable topic*
- *[Optional to include, just to set expectations that this isn't something we'll have done anytime soon:] Note: Due to unprecedented Board turnover over the previous 2 years, there is no timeline established for this as the board works to catch all members up on all of the previous studies and efforts performed.*

2 – Will be addressed during meeting

3 – Not realistic

4 – Work in progress

5 – Will be addressed during meeting

6 – HHOA by-laws do not say anything about extension into the lake

7 – Tiffany recently sent financial info to both associations

8 – This gets asked quite often. Please send Kevin the attached “written proof”. It contains Hawthorn HOA Meeting Minutes from 11/12/2012 approving the expansion. Also included is an email exchange between Cathy Conroy (President of Hawthorn HOA) and Mark Feldkamp (President of ASHA) discussing the expansion. None of us were on the board in 2012 and I do not have access to ASHA Meeting Minutes. ASHA has been appointing 3 members for the past 11 years. Kevin should ask ASHA for “written proof”.

9 – We need to make decisions and can not always wait for official meetings. All votes and decisions made in Executive session are disclosed during the public meeting and captured in the meeting minutes, including the voting record. For the most part, issues are thoroughly discussed and all votes are unanimous.

10 – Work in progress

11 – As of 5/1/2023, there were 367. We will work w/ HHOA as more are occupied and collect their assessment.

Dave?

Any effort to put into CD for investment? Yes, Tiffany is evaluating. Pending result of reserve evaluation.

Jerry

Got a quote for backhoe dredging near Toilet Bowl. Will provide quote to Kolar.

Gallo

Presented summary of reserve study intent of Board to develop strategic plan.

Holly Taylor

ASHA Ladies Club holding a fundraiser and requested donating a boat sticker for a prize.

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Motion to adjourn. Kolar/Vargo. Approved unanimously.

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Motions:

Motion that the ALA accept the \$1500 offer to sell the previous patrol boat (2004 Premier 180 Explorer with 2009 60HP Mercury) to Roger Kelly of Kelly's Marine. Vargo/Kolar. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve payment of our latest attorney invoice for payment regarding fees incurred for the Milner case. Leslie/Gallo. Approved unanimously.

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