

Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2022

Location: Hawthorn Clubhouse

Start - End Times: 20:00 - 21:30

Aurora Lake Association Board of Directors			
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance
Jeff Janzig	Chairman	ASHA	Yes
Bob Chapdelaine	Vice President	HOA	Yes
Mike Drozda	Executive Secretary	HOA	Yes
Todd Van Dyke	Committee Director	HOA	Yes
Matt Kolar	Committee Director	HOA	Yes
Bret Keller	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes
Anthony Garcia	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes

ALA Meeting Guests			
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance
Kathleen Riggi		ASHA	Yes
Debbie Marks		ASHA	Yes
Steve Rapko	President	HOA	Yes
Shores Residents		ASHA	Yes
Hawthorn Residents		HOA	Yes

Schedule

- 19:00 - 21:00 - Executive Session
- 21:00 - 21:30 - Public Session

Agenda

1. Treasury
2. Important Topics

3. Lake Health
4. Safety
5. Fishery
6. Labor
7. Legal
8. Watersport
9. Fundraising
10. Public Comments

Meeting Minutes

1. Treasury

- a. Review and approval of Treasurer's Monthly Report
 - i. Bret reviewed balances from monthly report
 - ii. Second half taxes, lake patrol, algae testing, lake patrol boat expense
 - iii. Treasurer's report was shared with ASHA Treasury for full transparency
 - iv. The monthly expense reports will be posted to the website with the minutes
- b. Signatories for ALA Accounts (Janzig, Keller, Van Dyke)
 - i. Going forward three signatories including the ALA Treasurer and board members from neighborhood will be represented
 - ii. Motion all in favor to have 3 signatories, Janzig (ASHA), Keller (Treasure and ASHA), Van Dyke (HOA)
- c. ALA board will verify signatures from each neighborhood for checks over \$1,000
- d. Review of Pending Invoices and Expenses
- e. Confirmed non-board member are removed from Checking Account - Lake Health Fund
 - i. Verification by Keller that all non-board member has been removed
- f. Engaging CPA for ALA Accounting and Tax Returns (Devin & Associates)
 - i. Request is for D&A to begin performance annual audit and review our taxes
 - ii. ASHA uses D&A and cost is approximately \$175 / year
 - iii. Quote to be obtained by ALA Treasurer

2. Important Topics

- a. D&O Insurance Vote
 - i. Motion to approve D&O insurance for \$1385 annually, All in favor.
 - ii. Lake patrol is covered under the original Liability Insurance policy.
 - iii. Resident attendee questions - Did the current insurance policy cover any of the losses from the crime?
 1. Bret indicated that the existing policy was only liability coverage and will not result in recovery of the loss
- b. Motion was made to allow for Use of Lake Health fund for Direct Lake Health Projects and Issue shall require at least 5 votes in favor and at least one vote from each neighborhood to approve
 - i. All in favor to approve this change

3. Lake Health

- a. Water Testing Monthly Report
 - i. 5th year we've performed algae testing

- ii. Testing this year has shown the toxin level are the lowest in the past 5 years
- iii. Largely visible algae bloom with virtually no toxin levels
- iv. Each data point cost approximately \$135
- v. Began performing bacteria testing
- vi. The bacteria (E. Coli) tend to clear within 24 hours and that is why we are putting less resources into that form of testing.
- vii. ASHA would like to coordinate testing sample with the test samples taken by ALA
- viii. Algae samples can be collected in water bottles and frozen
- ix. Bacteria testing samples must be submitted with 6 hours of retrieval from the lake
- x. Historically we've seen algae clear up within 24 hours of rain event
- xi. EPA has a threshold of 8 and tests have all been extremely low 0.25
- xii. Arbitration agreement states that channels are excluded from ALA jurisdiction

4. Safety

- a. Intent to Purchase a New Lake Patrol Boat
 - i. Judy and Bob Fulton of Aurora Shores have offered a sell their 2021 pontoon boat at a deeply discounted price for patrol use
 - ii. Current lake patrol boat is 15 years old and costing significant time and money and repair as well as reduced lake patrol coverage
 - iii. ALA was required to have patrollers use the work boat for several weeks due to maintenance issues and delays
 - iv. Motion was made to purchase the pontoon boat for \$25,500 once the 2021 and 2022 funds that were withheld by ASHA are paid to the ALA. All in favor approval.
 - v. Residents expressed significant concerns about the use of fund for this purpose given the current circumstances.
- b. Lake Patrol Monthly Update
 - i. Mostly full coverage with the exception of incimate weather
 - ii. Patrollers were required to use work boat due to maintenance issues
 - iii. Fuel costs have been slightly reduced
 - iv. Patrollers have done a good job throughout this season
- c. Boating Infraction Log Review
 - i. ALA is currently unable to cross reference lake sticker because no 2022 boat registration has been submitted by ASHA
 - ii. Kathleen agreed to send the latest ASHA boater contact list
 - iii. Majority of infractions are anchoring in the ski zones or expired stickers
 - iv. Resident recommends resharing the updated zones for anchoring, boating, skiing
 - v. Motion to review Lake Infraction log on biweekly basis and identify letters to be issued. All in favor.
 - vi. ASHA would like to coordinate on infractions to help enforce issues issue with ASHA boaters
 - vii. ALA is in process of draft a letters to a specific individual causing repeat issues
- d. Letters to be Issued
- e. Buoys near beach has moved too close to the shore
- f. Safety committee is willing to produce the safety course form.
- g. Idea share by resident to include a list of lake courtesies when issuing lake stickers
- h. Anthony Miaone to take first stab at build a lake health form

- i. Bryan Gallo has reviewed the ALA rules and regulations and will share his recommendations with the board. It was shared with a former board member.

5. Fishery

- a. Christmas tree habitat is going well, discussion to continue the program into 2022. Other locations will be considered to provide access to the habitats for both communications
- b. Tiger Muskie Caught (Dominic Fanelli). Catfish species (Channel, Flathead, Bullhead and Blue)
- c. Carp Bounty Update
 - i. 119 removed this year
 - ii. Increased the carp bounty to \$10 per carp since carp removal is not being performed in 2022.
 - iii. Not planning to do a fish study in 2022 due to cost.

6. Labor

- a. No Activity to Report

7. Legal

- a. Status of Investigation is pending with Aurora Police Department
- b. President of ALA ask for patience during this process

8. Watersport

- a. Maddie Wither Wakeboard Nationals 3rd place
- b. College kids going back to school and will compete for their schools (UC, OSU, Miami)
- c. Emma Bizjak (UC) All Star jump, Quincy Bizjak (OSU), Andrew Shira (Miami), Dylan Shira (UC) Cate Ziegler (OSU), Grace Ziegler (Miami)
- d. Competitive Fishing (none noted)
- e. Crew (none noted)
- f. Sailing (none noted)

9. Fundraising

- a. As a show of good faith the ALA has discussed sharing a communication which will offer a refund to anyone that made a donation to the lake health fund in 2021 and has concerns about the security of the funds due to the current
- b. ALA confirmed that the fundraising efforts were kept in a separate checking account and all lake health a fully accounted for and secure
- c. The Lake Health Fund stands at \$42,591.50 and pending planned contributions from the ALA 2021 boat sticker increase

10. Public Comments

- a. Recommendation to have an operating fund and reserve fund. This is in process.
- b. Would ALA be open to supporting a learn to fish event?

- i. The fishery committee was considering hosting a learn to fish event last April but didn't proceed this year due to timing and trying to plan enough resources for the event.
- c. What is the plan to recover the funds?
 - i. We are pending further investigation before action will be taken.
 - ii. Kathleen Riggi states that evidence shows that over \$200K is dating back to 2015.
- d. Why is the 2022 budget not listed online?
 - i. The 2022 budget has been significantly delayed due to the former Treasurer resigning and not providing a smooth transition and access to the accounts.
 - ii. The budget is drafted and will be published once approved by the board.
- e. How much has the ALA board spent on legal fees in 2021
 - 1. No money has spent this year in legal fees