

## Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 14, 2023

**Location:** Aurora Shores Marina Clubhouse

**Start - End Times:** 20:30 - 22:45

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

### **Schedule**

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

### Aurora Lake Association Meeting Guest Register

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ALA Meeting Guests			
Name	Community Represented	Address	Email / Contact
Jeff Janzig	Shores	851 Nautilus	jonzig@hotmail.com
CAREY JILL ZEGLER	Shores	10001 CROWS NEST	JILLZEGLER2001@yahoo.com
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Evan & Debbie Marks	Shores	10187 Regatta	debbiemarks@shores.com
Dave Ellison	ASHA	3820 CCE	dave.ellison.de@gmail.com
Tony Belluardo	ASHA	10024 Surfside	TBelluardo@ME.com
Todd Van Dyke	HOA	-	-
BRIAN BARTZ	HOA	735 JOSEPH	BRIANBARTZ@GMAIL
Diane Vint	HOA	955 Sweet Grass	evlact@yahoo.com
Emmanue Vint	HOA	955 Sweet Grass	" " " " .com
Lora Wienczek	HOA	43 Walnut Ridge Trl	lorawienck@gnail
Marc Lebay	ASHA	3862 Surfside	mklebay@csd.com
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Kelly Maione	ASHA	1235 Surfside	KelliMaione04@gmail.com
CARLA PINELLI	ASHA	3101 Nautilus	carlapinelli@comcast.net
Duane Hall	HOA	395 Walnut Ridge	Duane_Hall@live.com
HANK LEWIS	HOA	405 Walnut Ridge Trl	hanklewis@gnail.com
Kevin Ward	ASHA	10004 N Surfside	
Aron Tocher	HOA	810 Rock Creek	aron.tocher@yahoo.com
Michael Toma	ASHA	10124 Sunrise AL	mtoma@kent.edu
Dan Mueller	HOA	420 Walnut Ridge	mueflyer@yahoo.com

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Name	Community Represented	Address	Email / Contact
Brian/Christa Carr	Hawthorn	935 Sweet Grass	teachnrrn@sbcglobal.net Aurora
Don/Lynn Quarters	Hawthorn	950 Sweet Grass	lquarters@comcast.net
Nick Johnson	Aurora Shores	10165 Regatta	ncjohnson82@gmail.com
Brod Twiss	Aurora shores	3601 Naut. Ios Trl	Twiss.b5678@gmail.com
Scott Wilson	AURORA SHORES	9117 PEBBLE BEACH CV	swilson21031@aol.com
Wanda Broad	Aurora Shores	805 Nautilus	liabig@windstream.net
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Becky Nichols	Hawthorn	4088 Falling Leaves	nicky.smith@aol.com
Barry Wesselz	Hawthorn	998 Sweetgrass	BarryW.Wesselz@aol.com
Lance Hattstedt	ASTA	1 way W. S. side	Lance.Hattstedt@gmail.com
Chris Boron	ASTA	1021 Regatta	apboron@gmail.com
Eric Bobek	Hawthorn	635 Markus Ln	Bobekers@gmail.com
JASON MARLO	Hawthorn	745 MADISON	jlmarlo4@gmail.com
Cristina Cox	ASTA	10102 uttrissys	10102uttrissys@aol.com
Tara Santilli	ASTA	1192 Surfside	tarasantilli@gmail.com
Allen Collier	ASTA	10252 Spinnaker	



## Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Financials
3. Lake Patrol
4. Lake Health
5. Geese
6. Fishery
7. Ski Course
8. Projects
9. Lake Level
10. Legal Update

### Agenda Reminders (not for minutes):

1. Roll call - all present.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes
  - a. October 2022
  - b. December 2022
  - c. January 2023
  - d. April 2023
  - e. May 2023
  - f. **Motion** approved. Garcia/Vargo, unanimous
3. Financials
  - a. Treasurer report
    - i. Snapshot to post on website
  - b. **Motion** reimbursement approvals:
    - i. Tiffany: \$58.xx expenses prior to having debit
      1. Garcia/Gallo
  - c. Update on 2021 taxes, ready to file
  - d. Extension secured for 2022 taxes
  - e. Printed financial report delays caused by account linkage issue to Quickbooks is resolved.
4. Updated 2023 budget (attached – please review)
  - a. **Motion** to approve revised budget: Tiffany/Kolar. Approved
5. Lake Patrol
  - a. Reports of “party boat observation” behavior raised to patrollers
  - b. Set guidelines to have no guests, discussing further as a board. Considering waiver/release terms.
  - c. Review Infractions
  - d. Boat list
    - i. Kathleen has updates to the list
    - ii. Kathleen will provide emails, will be delayed due to data analysis/support personnel issues
6. Lake Health
  - a. Water Testing
  - b. First round last week
  - c. 6 points tested for e.coli - results good (very low)
  - d. 3 points for algal toxin microcystin, below detection limit
    - i. Similar to last year’s results at same time of year
  - e. Cost/sample point increased \$160 for myco, \$30 for e.coli

7. Geese
  - a. Goose update reminder from last month
    - i. Observed 2 sets of goslings, one in each
  - b. Goose Roundup
    - i. *Met with Geoff Westerfield regarding a potential goose roundup.*
    - ii. *Shared ODNR guidance*
      1. *Questionable effectiveness*
      2. *Recommend harassment tactics*
      3. *Separating geese and goslings*
      4. *Shared details of euthenization*
    - iii. *Provided research results of an audio system from Critter control*
    - iv. *Kathleen: requested coordination on electronic harassment*
    - v. *Shared update of*
8. Fishery
  - a. Fish Study
    - i. Proceeding with fish study and carp kill
    - ii. **Motion** to ratify email decision, Garcia/Kolar, approved
  - b. Associated rent of dumpster for \$530, Hawthorn offered to share the cost
  - c. Frequency/Cadence discussed
9. Ski Course
  - a. Reports that ski course is interfering with Hawthorn phase 6 water access
  - b. Estimate to not be an impact this season
  - c. Next year, ski course will need to be relocated
  - d. Ski club permit valid for this year
10. Projects
  - a. Donate Patrol Boat
  - b. Lake Level/Rain/Water Temp Sensor
    - i. Update on IoT sensor device, parameters
    - ii. Data presented on publicly accessible web
    - iii. Motion Gallo/Hattendorf. Approved
    - iv. Website will be accessible from website easily and readily accessible for all residents
    - v. This will provide data points to evaluate more consistent data for filling/draining/evaporation of the lake
    - vi. Location still being evaluated
  - c. Operations – what is working and what is not
11. Lake Level
  - a. +2.68” rain in last few days
  - b. ALA board invited to tour the dam - thanks to Jim Prohaska for his time
  - c. ALA submitted letter to ASHA requesting lake level change from -4” to -2”
  - d. ALA Board agrees with principle of using lake as rain retention
    - i. Anthony shared Considering -4” is too aggressive
12. Legal Update
  - a. Today was pretrial hearing, Gallo attended
  - b. Milner plead guilty in open court, waived right to trial
  - c. \$199k Funds secured in defense atty trust account pending

- d. Restitution hearing 7/31, additional amount above \$199k indictment amount will be considered
- e. Next step, presentencing investigation
  - i. Victim impact statements will be considered at this time
- f. Then sentencing hearing, judge will rule on final sentence
  - i. Verbal presentations in open court will be considered during this hearing
- g. Kathleen and ASHA Board thanked for their efforts

### 13. Public Comments

- a. Jim Prohaska - supported for 20 years, took over 2 years ago
  - i. 2020 flood event triggered action to make change
  - ii. Indicated problem stems from downstream maintenance issues
  - iii. Second summer down -4"
  - iv. Minimal complaints
  - v. Raised dredging
  - vi. Jim has contact for dredging contractor, spot dredging
  - vii. Raised concern that Hawthorn side is silted in, noted channel depth
  - viii. Aurora Shores channels also silted in, require spot dredging
  - ix. Unpredictable rain/water feed in
- b. Where did -4" come from?
  - i. Jim states that Went to -2", wasn't working. Went to -4", it's working
- c. Joe Kovach
  - i. Recommended Matt Wither to dig out lift base
  - ii. Dam was approved to control AS flooding
  - iii. 3 studies performed to design dam
  - iv. 1002.1 ft above sea level, 365 acres, 6 sq acres
  - v. -4" provides enough capacity
  - vi. Hydrologic study will be provided to anyone upon request
  - vii. 100 year storm event - 4.7" rain in 24 hours
    - 1. Tops the dam
    - 2. Floods
  - viii. Discussed history of automated gate
  - ix. Sews gate has seals, need to minimize movement which limits viability of automated gate control
- d. What is the dam flow rate?
  - i. 2000 ft<sup>3</sup> / second is starting point without dropping gate
  - ii. Range could be up to 5000-6000 cubic ft/s
- e. Jim noted lake water sources increase as land is improved
- f. How long does it take to drain 1"
  - i. Aim to anticipate storms and release
  - ii. Doesn't know, depends on inflow, which cannot be measured
- g. Flood mitigation study
  - i. FEMA grant awarded to Aurora, Reminderville researching
  - ii. Reminderville is part of a new summit county storm water management district
  - iii. 1" water 10 million gallons
  - iv. Metroparks pursuing consistent, weekly management of property downstream/Pondbrook
    - 1. Removed 2 millions gallons worth of earth removed during restoration
  - v. AS Men's Club maintaining drain ditches
- h. Barry Wessels - Hawthorn

- i. Going to -4" is a disaster, creates safety concerns
  - ii. Is concern the level of the lake, or what goes over the lake
- i. Emanuel Viant - Hawthorn
  - i. Described his measurements observed down 9"
  - ii. Emmanuel suggested dam control should be in consideration of both communities
    - 1. Jim rebutted he manages dam for Aurora Shores
- j. Joe Leslie - Dredging
  - i. Credibility to this, discussed and should be considered
  - ii. Using lake as a retention facility is a reasonable, request to ASHA is to adjust to -2" to then continue evaluating the
- k. Brian Carr
  - i. Reported observed current level at -6"
  - ii. Recommending to raise and manage the level
- l. Garcia
  - i. Raised Shapiro letter indicating dam mismanagement as flood rationale
- m. Matt Wither
  - i. Reminding this is not a new problem
  - ii. Spot dredging not effective
  - iii. Suggested solution is to dredge entire lake middle out
- n. Kathleen
  - i. Identified topics in a reserve study to evaluate lake management
- o. Barry Wessels
  - i. Quoted intent of settlement agreement
- p. Jan Kovach
  - i. Raised Aurora Shores rip rap and lack of Hawthorn shoreline protection
- q. Joe Leslie
  - i. Noted dredging also for turbidity to improve lake health
  - ii. Recommend ALA needs to promote a study to evaluate informed action
  - iii. Evaluation will take time
- r. Jim P
  - i. Sunset Cove is not ALA responsibility, it's Hawthorn
- s. Barry
  - i. Requesting lake level returned to where it was the last 20 years
- t. Jim P
  - i. Reiterated channel dredging
- u. Kathleen
  - i. Houses along shoreline is responsible for maintaining shoreline
  - ii. ASHA has mapped out ownership, and is requesting shoreline maintenance measures taken (rip rap)
  - iii. Researched studies to pursue
- v. Rob M - Aurora Shores
  - i. What are spending the \$199k, dredging, siltnet?
  - ii. Considering How much money in total was stolen?
- w. Mike Callica - Aurora Shores
  - i. 2-3 weeks ago someone ran into his dock
  - ii. Cut his trampoline anchor
  - iii. Found a bow fishing arrow
  - iv. ALA to raise



- x. Marc Labry
  - i. Witnessed at 11:30 at night, observed him hitting the dock
  - ii. Shined with a light, verbal alert
  - iii. Police report recorded
  - iv. Suggested alerting shoreline residents to risk
- y. Kathleen
  - i. Raised ASHA was not aware to inform residents
- z. Diane Viant
  - i. 2021 missing funds update
    - 1. Kathleen stated she is holding them up because she did the evaluation and identified fault
      - a. When boat ramp is paid back
      - b. When board members who paid themselves return the funds
    - 2. Kathleen mentioned other discrepancies (boat sticker costs over the years)
- aa. Kathleen
  - i. Suggested Going to arbitration route...
  - ii. Alleged a bunch of settlement agreement violations without any evidence
  - iii. Stated will be pursuing fairness after trial
- bb. Kathleen
  - i. Presented boat titles recovered from
- cc. Kovach
  - i. Suggested a different sampling test than E. Coli
  - ii. Requested Total Fecal Coliform level be tested
- dd. Lance
  - i. Back of napkin math
    - 1. 10-11 years, \$2 million could be raised for dredging
- ee. Kovach
  - i. Raised point about new Hawthorn phase 6 shoreline and boat access
  - ii. Suggested will be harder to install docks than expected
  - iii. Asked, rhetorically, who will dredge it
- ff. Kathleen
  - i. Raised question about tax returns filed, asked if tax returns were redone for unreported income for lake patrols
    - 1. Pending question to audit review
  - ii. Noted late fees could be written off if exemption approved
- gg. Laura Wincek
  - i. How much is outstanding of from the \$115k accounts receivable
  - ii. 21 dues \$44,350
  - iii. 21 sticker fees 19,600
    - 1. Kathleen: check already cut
      - a. Barnett had excessive fees
  - iv. Audience question: Does ASHA have right to withhold?
    - 1. Kathleen: Says she would take it to breach of contract to arbitration
- hh. Christa Carr?
  - i. Requested civility in addressing HHOA residents
- ii. Brian Bartz
  - i. Thanks board past and present for drawing him to the community because of the lake

- jj. Janzig
  - i. Develop preliminary assessment of new locations
  - ii. Provided preliminary report to ALA
  - iii. Wants to continue investigating over the summer
- kk. Al Collica
  - i. Confirming/confirmed financial reports are accessible to the community
  - ii. What are the steps?
  - iii. Kolar summarized the 2018 study
    - 1. Recommendation was #1 to install forebay at Glenwood into Shores
      - a. Attempts made
      - b. Applied for grants - fell through as a private lake
      - c. Using Aurora Shores property
      - d. West Creek Conservancy has a plan to address this
    - 2. Recommended additional forebays - Hawthorn Phase 6, Sweetgrass channel, Sherwood area
    - 3. Report stated dredging is not feasible
  - iv. Question about additional development
    - 1. Garcia: City has been contacted
    - 2. Leslie: EPA has a role
- ll. Tara Santilli
  - i. Boating classes? Situation has gotten bad.
  - ii. Addressing through patrol reporting
  - iii. Kathleen shared their process for discussing rules and safety with new boaters
- mm. Todd Van Dyke
  - i. Consider extending/shifting hours to evenings
  - ii. Discussed safety concerns of patrolling at night
- nn. Kovach
  - i. Stumps situation, observed buoys are further south
  - ii. Janzig confirmed somewhat, also noted lower depth / longer chains make them drift in wind
- oo.
  - i. Requested timing of meetings
- pp. Viant
  - i. Summary of where lake level will be
  - ii. Jim mumbled that it will stay where it is

## Documents Provided by Community to Board for Consideration

[2023-06-14 ALA Meeting Minutes - Lake Photogrammetric and Survey Study Proposal.pdf](#)

[2023-06-14 ALA Meeting Minutes - Ski Course Prelim Proposal.pdf](#)

## 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

## Motions:

Motion to approve previous unapproved meeting minutes. Garcia/Vargo. Approved unanimously.

Motion to ratify email decision to contract Envirosience for fish study/carp kill and dumpster rental (cost-shared with Hawthorn). Garcia/Kolar. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the procurement of the lake Level/Rain/Water Temp sensor IoT solution. Gallo/Hattendorf. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve reimbursement of personal expenses. Garcia/Gallo. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve revised budget: Tiffany/Kolar. Approved unanimously