

Aurora Lake Association Board of Directors	
Name	Present
Matt Kolar	Yes
John Vargo	Yes
Jim Prohaska	Yes
Joe Kovach	Yes
Mark Stanek	Yes
Jeff Wheeler	Yes
Michelle Schenker	Yes

Docket

Owner	Topic
MK	Rules Enforcement Authority
MK	D&O Insurance Update
JW	Patrol Boat Camera
Board	Lake Rules Communications
MK	Bowfishing Contract
MK	Cormorant Issue
Board	Water Quality
Board	Work Boat
Board	ALA Business Structure

Meeting Objective

- Working session to address lake rules enforcement authority, finalize the bowfishing contract, and discuss emerging issues including cormorants, water quality signage, and ALA's business structure.

Minutes

- Rules Enforcement
 - Discussion on whether ALA has authority to enforce penalties for lake rule violations.
 - **Action** Kolar: Send email to Cincinnati Insurance to add new board members to the Directors & Officers (D&O) liability policy.
 - **Action** Kolar: Distribute the D&O policy link to board members for review.

- **Motion:** Approve 2026 lake rules revisions as raised by Kolar. Second by Vargo. All approve — APPROVED.

- Patrol Boat Camera
 - Suggestion raised to add a 360-degree camera, GoPro, or dashcam to the patrol boat for documentation purposes.
 - **Action** Wheeler: Investigate camera and equipment setup options and propose a solution for email approval by the board.

- Lake Rules Communications
 - Board agreed to send communications to the community regarding lake rules reminders and patrol expectations for the upcoming season.

- Bowfishing Contract
 - **Action** Kolar: Distribute current boat registration lists to HHOA.
 - A dedicated Lake Patrol email address has been created: auroralakepatrol@gmail.com.
 - The carp location map will be shared with the bowfishermen.
 - **Action** Kovach and Stanek: Revise the off-limits map if lighting from bowfishing operations is an issue for nearby residents.
 - Contract term revisions proposed:
 - Ensure the contract includes a clause allowing ALA to cancel and terminate at any time.
 - Adapt contract language to verify lighting use and setup, or restrict the operational area.
 - **Action** Vargo: Send proposed contract language to Kolar for review.
 - **Motion:** Approve bowfishing contract contingent on the revised contract language terms. Raised by Kolar, second by Kovach. All approve — APPROVED.

- Cormorant Issue
 - Kolar raised the issue of an increasing population of cormorants, described as invasive and destructive to the fishery.
 - Kolar requested that ASHA's wildlife group discuss the cormorant issue during their next meeting.
 - Board discussed enacting a control process similar to the existing goose management program.
 - **Action** Stanek: Call ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) to investigate recommendations for cormorant control options.

- Water Quality
 - Board discussed suggestions to increase water quality testing frequency. Current measures were deemed adequate.
 - Board agreed to consider communications to inform the community about the scope

- and extent of current water quality testing.
- Discussion on whether ALA should have the ability to post signs about water quality status and warning conditions at lake access points.
- **Action** Stanek: Investigate common, interchangeable, and adjustable water quality signage options.

- Work Boat
 - Board discussed the trade-off between keeping the work boat on the water for the season versus the task and burden of ongoing maintenance throughout the summer. No formal action taken; discussion to continue.

- ALA Business Structure
 - Board discussed a comment from the ASHA attorney's review of the lake rules questioning whether ALA should be organized as a 501(c)(3) versus a 501(c)(7).
 - Board confirmed ALA is organized as a 501(c)(7) social/recreational club.
 - ALA's accounting firm has not raised any concerns regarding the current structure, including the practice of earning interest on the capital approval fund account.
 - No action required at this time.

Motion (Vargo) to adjourn, second Kovach