

Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2026

Location: Aurora Shores Marina

Start - End Times: 20:00 - 21:50

Aurora Lake Association Board of Directors			
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance
Matt Kolar	Chairman	HHOA	Yes
John Vargo	Secretary	HHOA	Yes
Jim Prohaska	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes
Joe Kovach	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes
Mark Stanek	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes
Michelle Schenker	Treasurer	HHOA	Yes
Mike Laur	Committee Director	HHOA	Yes
Dawn McLendon	Outgoing Treasurer	HHOA	No

Schedule

- 20:00 - Public Session

Roll Registry:

Date: April 6, 2026
Location: ASHA
Start - End Times: 9 am

ALA Meeting Guests			
Name	Community Represented	Address	Email / Contact
Karen Ward	ASHA		

Date: April 6, 2026
Location: ASHA
Start - End Times: 8 pm

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Agenda / Minutes

Welcome

- Carson Joy Boat Cleaning plug — flyers available at the door.

Organization Updates

- Dawn Kohn has been replaced by Mark Stanek as Committee Director.
- T.J. Asher has been replaced by Jim Prohaska as Committee Director.
- Dawn McLendon is stepping down after 2.5 years of service, including her role as Treasurer. Michelle Schenker will assume the Treasurer role.
- Mike Laur indicated he may step down after 3 years of service. Jeff Wheeler has expressed interest in the position.

Financial Update

- **Motion:** Appoint Michelle Schenker as new Treasurer and add Michelle to ALA's Chase Accounts and ALA's Investment account with Beacon Financial Group. Raised by Kolar, second by Laur. All yes — APPROVED.
- **Motion:** Remove T.J. Asher from both ALA bank and investment accounts. Raised by Kolar, second by Laur. All yes — APPROVED.
- **Motion:** Add a board member as co-signer to both accounts. Mark Stanek volunteered, will be added. Raised by Kolar, second by Laur. All yes — APPROVED.
- Taxes have been completed by the accounting firm. Dawn McLendon needs to review with them before submission.
- Account Balances:
 - Checking: \$97,268
 - Savings: \$9,714
 - Investment: \$317,726
 - **Total: \$424,708**
- ALA should take in approximately \$100,000 per year in registration fees.
 - Projected \$130,000 this year.
 - **Action** Prohaska: Clarify 2025 registration revenue of \$30,250 (252 boats, 202 kayaks).
 - Note: ASHA changed their process — boat and vessel registration fees will now be paid directly to ALA.
 - **Action** Board: Determine how the ASHA registration spreadsheet is tracked and how checks reach ALA. Establish process for handling bounced checks.

2026 Budget

- Proposed Budget:
 - \$8,500 — Lake Patrol
 - \$7,500 — Property Taxes
 - \$5,500 — Insurance
 - \$2,500 — General

- \$1,000 — Professional Services
- \$70,000 — Lake Health
 - \$18,860 — Aquadoc
 - \$25,000 — Carp Removal
 - \$18,000 — Fish Study
 - \$1,000 — Carp Derby
 - \$7,000 — Additional Water Testing
- **Action** Board: Add a \$5,000 contingency line for variances and discretionary adjustments based on quote changes.

Aquadoc Visitation and Application Program

- \$6,600 for 12 biweekly visits, May through October.
- May use algaeicide such as copper sulfate to treat algae blooms under 5 acres.
- Includes a report for each visit, posted on the ALA webpage.
- **Motion:** Approve Aquadoc Visitation and Application Program. Raised by Kolar, second by Kovach. All yes — APPROVED.

Aquadoc Custom Microcystin (Algae) Sampling

- \$3,600, same biweekly frequency as the visitation program.
- Includes microcystin sampling.
- **Motion:** Approve Aquadoc Custom Microcystin Sampling. Raised by Kolar, second by Kovach. All yes — APPROVED.

Aquadoc In-Situ Water Quality Monitoring

- \$8,600 for a buoy that monitors water quality 24/7.
- Monitors: temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, phycocyanin (blue-green algae indicator), and chlorophyll-a.
- Includes a web dashboard.
- **Motion:** Approve Aquadoc In-Situ Water Quality Monitoring. Raised by Kolar, second by Kovach. All yes — APPROVED.

Lake Rules Updates

- Revised sections and rule language proposals presented for approval:
 - Section 1c: ALA permits are issued in the form of adhesive stickers by ASHA and HHOA to members in good standing.
 - Section 2a: The Board of Trustees of ALA shall adopt uniform rules and publish them at auroralakeassociation.com/ala-rules-and-regulations. Revisions will be shared with ASHA and HHOA. Published rules will include a revision date.
 - Section 3 (Preamble): Added a Lake Etiquette statement — "Be respectful. Be safe. Be considerate. Share the lake, share the fun."
 - Section 3n: Carp and catfish may be taken year-round. Crappie and bluegill may only be taken after June 15th, with a combined 12-fish-per-day bag limit. All other fish species are 100% catch-and-release.
 - Section 3o: Recreational swimming, anchoring, or rafting are not permitted in the

Open/Ski Zone during daylight hours. When in use by ALWSC, the slalom course area and adjacent north cove are Ski Zones; otherwise they are no-wake zones.

- **Action** Board: Finalize language to clarify no-wake zone status when ski course is not in active use.
- Section 3r: Wakesurfing and foiling are not permitted within 400 feet of any shoreline or in water less than 10 feet deep.
- Section 3s: No watercraft, trailer, dock, lift, or equipment that has been in any other body of water within the past 30 days may enter Aurora Lake unless it has been properly cleaned, drained, and dried.
- **Action** Prohaska: Add invasive species prevention rule to ASHA HOA meeting agenda.
- [NOTE: Lake rules were subsequently approved via email motion on 5/12/2026.]

Ski Course

- No changes to the existing ski course permit. The permit was circulated and is stored in the ALA Google Drive.
- **Motion:** Approve ski course permit for 2026. Raised by Kolar, second by Laur. All yes — APPROVED.

Carp Projects

- Historical Carp Removal Summary:
 - 2025: \$45,215 — 389 fish (Mad Scientist)
 - 2023: \$3,440 — Bow Fishermen
 - 2023: 38 fish — part of EnviroScience fish study
 - 2021: 207 fish — part of fish study
 - 2018: \$2,800 — 297 fish (2 nights of targeted carp kill)
- Going Forward:
 - Mad Scientist quote: 4 days at \$23,850.
 - Bow fishermen group from 2023 are interested in returning. Better direction and communication with the community needed.
 - Cost per fish ranges \$20–\$30.
 - Rules for bow fishermen: no shining bright lights, do not leave arrows.
- **Action** Kolar: Create a working plan for a joint carp team and equipment.
- **Action** Kovach: Get proposal from Bubba's carp fishing contacts.

Carp Derby

- Continuing the \$20 per fish format with selfie verification per fish.
- Reminder needed that carp must be properly disposed of.
- **Motion:** Approve 2026 Carp Derby. Raised by Kolar, second by Vargo. All yes — APPROVED.

Fish Study

- Timing to be determined.
- EnviroScience quotes:

- \$11,930 for raw data collection.
 - \$18,570 including full report.
- Mad Scientist quotes:
 - \$18,986 for 1 pass.
 - \$35,100 for 2 passes.
- **Action** Vargo: Ask EnviroScience to add 2 more transects; get a quote for two sessions in the season. Determine optimal timing — consistency with previous years (April/May) vs. last study timing (June).

Geese Nest Destruction Permit

- Bill Eden obtained the permit on behalf of ALA in 2025.
- Going forward, Aurora Shores (ASHA) will manage the effort by pinning eggs on the islands and will acquire the nest permit for 2026.

Lake Patrol

- A meeting is planned in the next couple of weeks with patrollers to review lake rules, procedures, logging, documentation, and expectations for the upcoming season.
- **Action** Kolar and Wheeler: Work on automated alerting of violation notices sent.

Boat Maintenance and Logistics

- The work boat requires ongoing maintenance. Either a volunteer steps forward or the boat will need to be taken to a service provider.
- **Action** Kolar: Coordinate with Jeff Wheeler to work with community member Tony to find a volunteer group to help coordinate and manage boat maintenance.

Community Comment

- [None recorded]

Motion to adjourn. Raised by Kolar, second by Kovach. All yes — APPROVED.

[END OF 4/6/2026 MINUTES]