

Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Date: May 29, 2024

Location: ASHA Marina

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

Aurora Lake Association Board of Directors			
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance
Matt Kolar	Chairman	HHOA	Yes
<i>Unassigned</i>	Vice Chairman		
<i>Unassigned</i>	Treasurer		
<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
Bill Eden	Committee Director	ASHA	No (until ~9:30)
Dawn McLendon	Committee Director	HHOA	Yes

Schedule

- 20:30 - 22:00 - Public Session

Roll Registry:

5/29/2024 ALA Meeting

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Agenda / Minutes

Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** - Approve February 6th 2024 Meeting Minutes - Vargo/Laur . Approved by 5 present directors, Leslie abstained (not being present).
 - 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.

Follow up on action items

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Update financials

- Review of upcoming expenses
 - Tax bill has not been received, may have been delivered to previous treasurer, Dawn will look into where the bill is. 2023 taxes are paid and accounted for.
 - Devin & Associates
 - Letter Joe L submitted to IRS was lost by the IRS (internally routed to Form 1060 process)
 - Extension filed until November
 - Need to rewrite and submit denoting route to Form 990
- Upcoming Budget Considerations
 - Action Item (Vargo with Eden): Develop plan to acquire a boat trailer for patrol boat by fall. Considering a budget
- Work Boat Storage in Summer
 - Check with Ron's Marine in Mantua for quote
 - For now, move forward with Old D&D @ ~\$50/month until a different option is explored
 - **Motion:** Leslie/McLendon, all present board members approved
- Water Testing
 - Increased to \$12,000 for increased testing
- Discussion to Establish Standard Financial Processes
 - Have all statements delivered to PO Box
 - Upload statements to Google Drive
 - Accountability Criteria
 - Leslie and McLendon have authority to access the bank accounts
 - Kolar has access to PO Box where statements will be delivered
 - Bank statements will be scanned and uploaded to the Google Drive financial folder so the whole board has visibility to balances and cash flows
 - Discussion about threshold for two signatures, agreed on any and only checks over \$10,000 will require two signatures

- Non-budgeted, incidental expenses threshold of \$250 / person in a month before requiring formal motion to pre-approve additional purchases or expenses may not be approved/reimbursed
- **Motion:** McLendon/Leslie - Approved by 6 members present
- Budget Review
 - Motion: Approve budget, pending balance update to include balance allocated to reserve fund account. Approved by all present directors.
- Reserve Fund Investment Allocation
 - Public **motion** to ratify adjusted email motion: allocate \$300k to a high-yield money market account, granting McLendon and Leslie as authority to the account allocation.
 - Leslie / Laur, all approved

Boat Stickers and Lists

- Boat lists have been refined by Kolar/Laparo in HHOA, Bob ASHA
 - Evaluation for HP surcharge fees
- Violations
 - AHSA community member suggested violations should be reported to ASHA / HHOA so they can impose fines and enforcement
 - **Action:** Kolar to adjust rules to lake patrol and circulate changes for review around board.

Proposals from Jones Lake Management, Aqua Doc, and Mad Scientist

- Joe Kovatch has had discussion with providers for a strategic plan
 - Jones provided 4 proposals
 - Aquadoc provided similar proposals at much higher cost, typically service larger bodies of water
 - Mad Scientists provided input to offer a survey/study
 - Joe's conclusions
 - Plant lilly pads in south end
 - Install fish structure for habitat
 - Water testing, spot treatments (not necessarily the \$30k NOI algae treatment)
 - Fish study in fall
 - Aim for stocking fish in fall
 - Long-term plan: Strike a balance
 - Stump removal to expand usable size of lake from power boating perspective
- Community member suggested contacting university/college for consultation
- Community member raised notice that Aquadoc is known for mistreating lakes

Water Testing

- New tester will provide data that was previously part of the lake testing suite from the lab analysis vendor
- Budgeted \$12k for additional testing that meter cannot test (e.g., phosphorous)
- Aim to compare or have another vendor review the study with the additional data from this summer's testing
 - Consider a second opinion
 - Potential providers Biohabitat, Aquadoc, Mad Scientists
 - Kovatch opinion: Jones more for application of strategy vs assessing and developing the strategy
- Proactive algae treatment actions
 - Will continue to pursue the permit to treat a problematic algae bloom
 - Permit is an NOI, may require input from the 2018 study author
 - Dan Nellis (819 Nautilus Trail) offered to use property for lake testing because the water there concentrated poor water quality because of location and wind

Carp Derby

- Notice for carp derby
 - \$10 / carp
 - Residents only
 - 50 fish limit per person
 - With online form with a photo submitted
 - Reminder to agree to dispose of it properly
 - Observed the carp feeding/spawning in the channel in higher volume
 - **Motion:** Leslie / McLendon, all members present approved
 - **Action:** Kolar to post message on Facebook tomorrow

Lake Patrol

- Kicked off this weekend
- 4 patrollers currently
- Introduced a shift log
- No violations noted
- Patrol boat flag to improve visibility has been purchased
- Guidance given to patrollers of 4 locations where patrol boat may stop
- Sat/Sun: 1-9 PM, Weekdays: 4-9 PM
- ASHA raising suggestion to hire an outside firm (Excalibur) to increase experience and credibility of patrollers. Excalibur has a presentation, but did not attend. Increase cost associated @ \$10/hr

Storage of Work Boat and Trailer for the summer

- See notes in financial section

Lake Level Observations (via HOBO dam mounted level sensor)

- Lake level observation - has been decreasing while lake water level is below the dam overflow
- Kovatch used a lake evaporation website to calculate the potential lost that confirms its feasible it could be attributed to evaporation

If all 7 of us are present, we can have officer elections.

- Not all board members are present

Community Comment

- Steve Amherst
 - 12 tires stacked on shoreline, requested we use work boat to remove
 - What would the HP surcharge fees be allocated to?
 - Consider delays in trailer delivery if purchasing in fall
- Request to have agenda published ahead of time with an included timeframe for each topic
- Kovatch raised questions from Kathleen for invoice records from last 5 years of water samples

Motion to conclude meeting Vargo / Leslie - All approved

[END OF 5/29/2024 MINUTES]