

Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

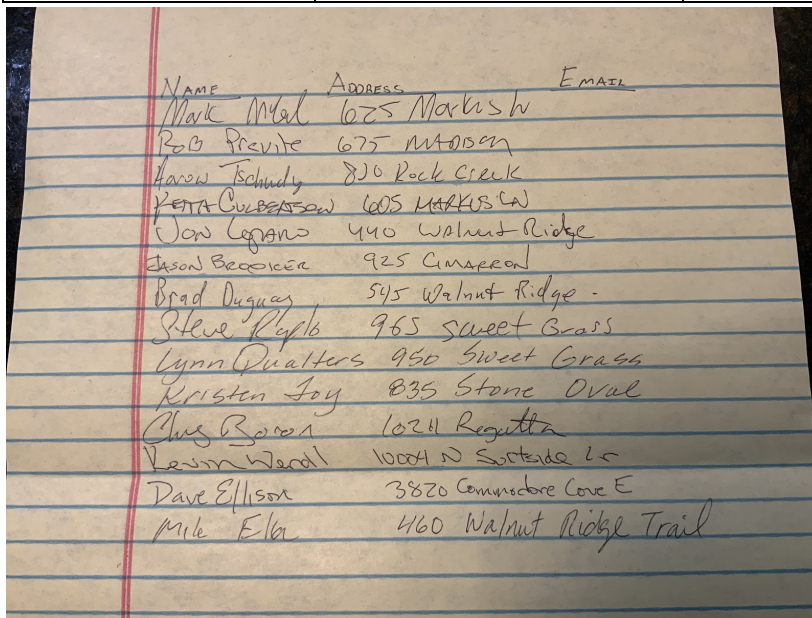
Date: January 11, 2023

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
Bret Keller	Treasurer	ASHA	Yes
Anthony Garcia	Committee Director	ASHA	Yes
Matt Kolar	Committee Director	HOA	Yes
Bryan Gallo	Committee Director	HOA	Yes
TBD	Secretary	HOA	No

ALA Meeting Guests			
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance



Schedule

- 20:00 - 20:30 - Executive Session

- 20:30 - 21:30 - Public Session

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Treasury
3. Legal
4. Important Topics
5. Lake Health
6. Safety
7. Fishery
8. Labor
9. Watersport
10. Fundraising
11. Milner Case Update
12. Public Discussion

Agenda items

Opening Remarks

Call to order: 8:33 PM

Roll call: All 6 board members present. 1 vacant seat

Community roll sheet:

Review of meeting etiquette, reminder of engagement and communication courtesy

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Anthony: Motion to approve and publish October minutes, Janzig second. Approved unanimously.
2. Treasury
 - a. Report submitted this week
 - b. Hawthorne dues received, balance an reserve balance reported
 - c. Request for assets to be listed in accounting system, with Quickbooks assistance these have been included in the financial statements. Capital assets are not listed
 - d. Motion (Garcia/Janzig) to move Bryan bank account
 - e. Action (Bret): Gallo represent Hawthorn on the ALA bank account
3. Legal
 - a. Proposed rules and regulations revisions review
 - b. HOA review has been requested from both communities.
 - c. Major changes:
 - i. Standardize definition of lake vessels to “watercraft” to align with ORC

- ii. Updates for changing in technology, e.g., electric watercraft and associated relevant terms
- iii. Added language to expand definition of PWC beyond jet skis to powered boards and foils
- iv. Expand “towed person” and “skier” definition to include surfers and foilers
- v. PFDs requirement to be more prominent in rules, clarify only USCG-approved PFDs are permitted per ORC. Remove “suitable” language
- vi. Speed limit set at 35 MPH. Adding night speed limit of 10 MPH to be consistent with ODNR/State Park regulations. Carry 5 MPH speed limit from governing docs into the rules with 25 yards of shore.
- vii. Discussed parasails and kiteboarding. Will not add windsurfboards to exclusion.
- viii. Fishery rules do not clarify to a take/replace rule.
 - 1. Action: Review on fishery team
- ix. Reviewed north end anchoring restrictions; decided to maintain restriction.
- x. CO rules discussion - disallowed by state rules. Add to rules as a clarification and to align with Ohio regulations
- xi. Penalties currently mandated by certified mail. Suggest a shift to email, and require a verified email for sticker applications
 - 1. Action Item
- xii. Change to “homeowner” language for condos/rental residents
- xiii. Ohio law requires reporting all accidents to ODNR. Change to include ALA in the notification in 5 days.
- xiv. Discussion over contesting penalties in executive sessions.
 - 1. Action: Board to continue discussion and evaluation of meaning of Executive Session for contesting penalties
- xv. Is enforcing rules a right or a responsibility/duty of the ALA? Will study the issue and make future suggestions.
 - 1. Action: Board to continue discussion and evaluation
- xvi. Length restrictions: clarifying BOTH criteria are required by adding **bold** style the and between the criteria
- xvii. Grandfather Clause, final paragraph state privilege is not transferable. Change “should not” to “may not”
- xviii. Measuring guide
 - 1. Eliminate potential loopholes by adding the rub rail needs to be parallel to the ground
 - 2. Clarify language around removable transoms
 - 3. Change pontoon language - farthest most rear point (transom) to farthest most front point (pontoon) similar to the string test. Will research and confirm this is consistent with 20 foot pontoon boats historically permitted on the lake.

4. Important Topics

- a. Announced Van Dyke resignation from Board
 - i. Working to replace and fulfill his expertise.
- b. Vargo intro
 - i. Live with wife and two kids in Hawthorn.
 - ii. Work at an engineering company in Aurora.
 - iii. Grew up in NE Ohio, lived in NC for 10 years. This is where I really got into boating.
 - iv. Moved to Aurora in 2015, and a big factor in the decision was this lake.
 - v. I got involved in supporting the lake where I could, from helping build and maintain docks, then as part of the ALA Community Fishery and Health Teams, and now I'm here looking forward to do as much as I can to help keep the lake healthy and the treasure it is for our communities.
- c. Projects
 - i. Bluegreen water tech / Aquadoc
 - 1. Still waiting for quote. Janzig pushing on them
 - 2. Novel solution for copper sulfate applications
 - 3. Addresses algae issues, both spot and preventative
 - 4. Working to partner with ASHA to address key problem areas
 - ii. Hawthorn dock drain pipes
 - 1. Discussion with city (April 2022) resulted that there is no easement, therefore no action for it
 - 2. If no action from city, Jon Laparo has plan to clear a channel and add rocks
 - iii. Goose management being led by Anthony
 - 1. Permit application in process
 - 2. 2023 budget includes goose roundup funding
 - 3. No goose roundup since ~2015
 - 4. Action: Get quote for round up costs
- d. Designation of Official ALA Boards
 - i. Chair: Janzig
 - ii. Vice Chair: Kolar
 - iii. Secretary: Vargo
 - iv. Sergeant of Arms: Garcia

5. Lake Health

- a. No testing performed
- b. Propose to move testing results from Facebook to the website
- c. Continue to share action announcements on Facebook
- d. Shoreline testing
 - i. Action: Input from Enviroscience for process
- e. Barry Wessell Turbidity measurements sent to water ski teams

6. Safety

- a. Anthony developing safety seminar videos to eliminate “ignorance” violations
 - b. Action to reactivate safety committee
 - c. Action to contact ‘21 patrollers
 - d. Discussed patroller expectations
 - i. No life-saving maneuvers expected
 - ii. “Do no harm” guidance at personal discretion. Call authorities first, escalate to board member
 - iii. Clarified violation communication process through a safety patrol handbook, being revised by Anthony as guide for patrol team
 - e. Action (Kolar) to review and modify incident form
 - f. Buoy review - have 21, Bret working to purchase 6 more and confirm anchor status
7. Fishery
- a. Vargo assumes fishery chair
 - b. Intend to continue Initiative to sink trees in ‘23 based on further discussion to confirm viable location that does not interfere with unrelated lake use activities
 - c. Fish study / Carp kill - moving forward with quote (Janzig)
8. Labor
- a. Will aim in lake for cleanup activity in May
9. Watersports
- a. Apparatus permit has been received for slalom course
 - b. Motion raised to place the course in same location (Janzig/Garcia), approved unanimously.
10. Fundraising
- a. No current fundraising activity. No intended use currently.
11. Update on John Milner case
- a. Case proceeding in Portage Common Pleas
 - b. See public documents on court website
 - c. Pretrial rescheduled to 2/15
 - d. Trial date set for 2/22, expected to be delayed based on pretrial timing
 - e. Records available on Portage country website
 - f. ALA activity
 - i. Secured attorney, Doug Paul
 - ii. Attorney Met with Aurora Law Director and lead detective
 - iii. Attorney Contacted defense attorney to notice we are pursuing reimbursement and to maintain records
 - iv. Received basic reply from defense attorney
 - v. Authorized attorney to contact prosecutor, no indication of response at this time
 - vi. Attorney contacted Victims of Crime Department to be recorded as victims of record which positions us to be part of the process, e..g., for plea negotiations

- vii. Awaiting further updates, not expecting significant information before pre-trial
- viii. Notes of clarification of client-attorney privilege
 - 1. Privilege extends only between the Attorney and the ALA Board appointed to represent each community by the respective HOAs

12. Public Comments

- a. Legal fees: invoiced to date \$371 through 11/30. Not on financial statements because check not cashed in '22
- b. \$5000 budgeted for legal fees
- c. Winter cleanup targeted for March
- d. Plan for reserve account and future plans, lake study priorities
 - i. Initial recommendation to build 3 forebays
 - ii. Had progressed, quotes received
 - iii. Held up for Westcreek group who purchased land near north end of shores channel. May eliminate the need for forebay there.
 - iv. City considering project to improve Aurora Lake road area as part of their initiative.
- e. Goose plan - addressed earlier
- f. Plan for new patrol boat, plan for training patrollers for boat care activities
- g. No plans for larger barge boat for major cleanup activities
- h. Chris B:
 - i. 2014 last goose roundup in his awareness
 - ii. Offered to supply concrete for anchors
- i. Keith C:
 - i. Likelihood of financial restitution included in criminal, and what if not?
 - 1. If not, we would have to file a civil suit following the criminal trial
- j. Meghan J:
 - i. Statement of appreciation for board and their dedication
- k. Jon L:
 - i. Tracking stickers is overwhelming by quantity with popularity of kayaks and SUPs. Suggest consolidating stickers into household packages.
- l. Steve L:
 - i. Note the <10 HP is identical to unpowered PWC stickers.
- m. Kevin:
 - i. Typo "2022" on report
 - ii. When will new homes fees be collected from new homes?
 - 1. When homes transfer, then Hawthorn transfers collected fees to ALA at EOY

Action Items:

- Vargo: Review lake rules for take/replace policy.
- Board: Penalties currently mandated by certified mail. Shift to email, and require a verified email for sticker applications
- Board: Continue discussion and evaluation of meaning of Executive Session for contesting penalties
- Kolar: Input from Enviroscience for process of shoreline testing
- Garcia: Reactivate safety committee
- Garcia: Contact '21 patrollers
- Kolar: Review and modify incident form
- Keller: Gallo represent Hawthorn on the ALA bank account

Motions:

Motion raised to place the course in same location (Janzig/Garcia), approved unanimously.

Motion to approve and publish October minutes, Garcia/Janzig. Approved unanimously.

Motion to move Bryan bank account, Garcia/Janzig. Approved unanimously.