Aurora Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Date: May 24, 2023 Location: Aurora Shores Marina Clubhouse Start - End Times: 20:30 - 22:00

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

ALA Meeting Guests				
Name	Role	Affiliation	Attendance	
Roll misplaced				

Schedule

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

Agenda

- Season Opening
 - Opening, nice weather to look forward to
 - Hazard buoys in place
 - Patrol boat in service, will be delivered 5/25 by Aurora Marine
- Revised 2023 Budget
- Financial Audit
- Lake Patrol
- Lake Level
- Geese
- Fishery
- Projects
- Legal Update

Minutes

- Season Opening
 - Opening, nice weather to look forward to
 - Hazard buoys in place
 - Patrol boat in service, will be delivered 5/25 by Aurora Marine
- Financial Review
 - Tiffany reviewed financials, explained lack of report
 - Issue connecting bank to
 - 2023 and 2021 Aurora Shores dues are still outstanding
 - Audit Summary
 - Accounting practices conform
 - Reviewed HHOA and ASHA dues
 - Brian Carr Sweetgrass
 - Question to clarify ASHA dues
 - Recommendation from auditor
 - 2 years of review, one year of audit
 - Will be discussed with auditor to confirm
 - Taxes
 - '22 are ready to file, extension submitted
 - '21 faxes were note filed
 - Estimates are ~\$9,000 each
 - Budget Topic
 - When raised from \$35 to 50, the delta was intended for the lake health fund
 - In '21, raised boat stickers
 - Delta into lake health

- Hasn't been moved into lake health
 - Target goal was ~\$20k
- Operating Budget is ~\$15k over revenue allocated for operating
- ASHA total in rears is \$90k
 - '23 dues ~\$44k
- Operating deficit requires additional cash to fiscally operate the lake
 - Key Statement ALA cannot operate the lake without this year without current cash situation
- Invoices have been generated and submitted
- Projecting
 - \$28k from AHSA boat stickers
 - \$10.5k from HHOA
- Question open to discuss Lake Health funding allocations
- Motion to expenditures require two ALA Board Member signatures per check (Joe-> Bryan, unanimous)
- Joe Kovatch Surfside Cir
 - Not many details on website, requested more detail posted
 - Clarified balances of operating vs reserve
 - What are operating expenses?
 - Present on website budget
- Motion to pay D&O insurance (Joe, Bryan, Unanimous)
- Lake Patrol
 - Training session for 5/25
 - Includes review boat maintenance procedure from Todd Van Dyke
 - Scheduled 453 hours
 - Reviewed handbook with crew last year
 - Reminded to provide verbal notification to violates, inform of rules being broken, then escalate to board
 - Collect boat/operator information
 - Kolar: Still editing form to report incidents
- Lake Level
 - Report was received, confirmed goal is to maintain -4" from summer pool the whole summer
 - Surprise at target
 - Learned at last ASHA committee has been formed to spread the responsibility
 - Managed by ASHA, Jim Prohaska manages this
 - Concerns about impact
 - Steve Has corp of engineer study report
 - Lake level impacts lake health
 - ALA can't control, but wants to consider
 - Evaluation of lake level monitor system
 - Reviewed specs and capability
 - Community: Is it isolated and secure?
 - Next step

- Community: Calibration, automation, slews gate discussion
 - Concern about stumps, location of ski course
- Geese
 - Goose nest destruction nest permit was applied/granted in April
 - Implemented oiling process this year
 - Explained process
 - 9 nests, 57 eggs
 - '22 9 nests, 50 eggs
 - All eggs identified were located near ALA property
 - Discussion for goose round ups
 - Chap: ~10 years since last round up
 - ASHA requesting round up
 - Budgeted \$12k for animal control
 - Reviewed dozens of companies, identified from ODNR
 - Permit is free, but not without due diligence
 - Requires proof and science/documentation that harassment tactics have been performed
 - 2 still viable
 - 1 no longer does euthanizing
 - Bob's critter control no longer does euthanizing
 - \$450 to come on site
 - \$200-250/bird
 - 2nd company
 - \$450 to come out
 - \$45/bird, will euthanize
 - ODNR guiding away from round ups
 - Questioning effectiveness of process
 - ASHA discussed tying fund payment to completion of round up task
 - Pointed to founding documents and no clause for that to be a valid consideration
 - Estimates provided to ASHA board chair
 - Anthony evaluated more non-lethal options
 - Auditory
 - Visual
 - Food deterrent
 - Physically deter the geese from their goslings
 - Community what impact does that have to those who live near the shore
 - Options to set the timing
 - Community observation / subjective
 - Not noticing a lot of geese this year
 - Community (Steve) any discussion of a bird study
 - Noticed more birds: osprey, loons
 - Negative consideration
 - Very visible / offends some community

- Will require community volunteers
- Fishery
 - Fish study still viable into early June
 - Will depend on funds available, but timing is available
 - Purpose of fish study
 - Inexpensive addon to carp kill
 - Purpose of fish study is health of lake
 - Interval:
 - Question of count of carp during survey
 - Fish structure
 - Bubba carp update
 - Took 344 carp in this lake
 - Significant opportunity to clean up carp issue in lake
 - Suggesting competition often pay \$200/head or boat
- Projects
 - Kolar discussed with Pond Control
 - Cannot treat the main lake due to size
- Legal Update
 - Case ongoing, trial schedule June 21st, pretrial June 15th
 - Prosecutor is currently in plea negotiations
 - We do not have details
 - As of 5/18/2023 Milner house sold and transferred
 - Informed prosecuting attorney who contacted defense attorney
 - From last meeting, residents expressed interest in recommending
 - 2 ways

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- Option A: victim impact statement, in person or in writing
 - Instructions provided on how to do this
 - State impact of defendant's actions, harm cause, recommended punishment for the transgressions
- Option B: personal plea can be made during sentencing hearing in person
- Question: Do we know what the restitution figure is?
 - Yes
- The other guy: How much was taken?
 - re-explained why this is sensitive
- Community
 - Bubba carp derby recommendations
 - Emmanuel Viant Lake level, when will it be resolved
 - Aiming for a research-based recommendations
 - Settlement agreement states the lake level should be maintained for the safety and effectiveness of the of the lake
 - Bubba is shoreline a factor? Not a principle factor
 - Steve is ASHA doing this to skirt responsibility?
 - Clarified the Summit county ruling that dam was mismanaged
 - Anyway to manage this more real-time?

- Reminderville/OHM did a study
- What changed in the last two years?
- Chap:
 - Legal responsibility per settlement is to maintain level for utility, safety and enjoyment for all residents
 - Onus is not on ALA to justify the levels
 - ODNR established pool levels of 0" for summer pool
 - Proof of burden is on ASHA to explain why lake level should be -4"
- Steve:
 - HHOA and ASHA had a meeting scheduled poor attendance
- Bill:
 - Who would be responsible to implement an automated gate system?
- Summary:
 - ODNR report designated water levels to be set/adhered to
 - Settlement agreement goals/objectives of the ALA: Utility, safety and pleasure
 - Recommend HHOA and ASHA to meet directly to discuss
 - Board Action: ALA to request legal counsel for recommended action
 - Communication updates requested, asap. Concern noted that the next meeting may be too far away. Discussed offering appropriate updates ASAP to HHOA.
- Brian: Clarify outstanding dues from ASHA
 - 3 items:
 - 2021 dues
 - Many explanations/excuses
 - Not paid
 - 2021 boat stickers
 - Showed \$28k collected, only paid \$8750
 - 2022 boat stickers
 - Not paid
- Chap: Lake health funds allocation
 - Forecasting a large investment, \$500k-\$2MM projected
 - Purpose of fund is to start sinking fund for this
 - New monies raised from those changes need to be allocated to the lake health fund
- Adjourned Approved

Action Items:

- Board: ALA to request legal counsel for recommended action about lake level management

Motions:

Motion to establish a process that all expenditures require two ALA Board Member signatures per check. Leslie/Gallo. Approved unanimously Motion to pay D&O insurance. Leslie/Gallo. Approved unanimously