

**Meeting Minutes for May 20th Meeting**  
**FISHHOOK LAKE & RIVER ASSOCIATION May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting**  
**Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Market**

**1. Greeting & Welcome**

Gary Smith, President welcomed everyone and presented the meeting agenda as follows:

Attendees: Gary Smith, Tom Harmon, Paul Thompson, Scott Gingerich, Jim Knox, Gwen Zent

**Agenda:**

- Greeting and Welcome – Gary Smith - President
- Board Members present:
  - Gwen Zent – Secretary
  - Scott Gingerich – Treasurer & Hubbard County COLA Representative
  - Paul Thompson – Board Member
- Review and Approve June 2023 meeting notes
- Financial Update and Membership year-to-date Scott Gingerich, Treasurer
  - a. General Account Balance: \$17,709.10
  - b. Environmental Account: \$3114.03
  - c. City Account: \$2163.42
  - Membership: Paid Members 4
  - Motion to pay the following by Paul Thompson board member and approves
    - Mail box \$96
    - Lakes and Rivers Association membership \$150
  - Scott Gingerich asked for a motion to approve payment.
- Membership Report – Scott Gingerich, Treasurer
  - Current membership number is 7.
- COLA update – Gary Smith
  - COLA - Active More communication – emails, one printed newsletter, electronic newsletter
  - April meeting – some focus on resorts and get AIS information to the resources.  
2 new invasive species
    - a. Signal Crayfish – in lakes in other areas not MN or nearby
    - b. Jumping Worms – same as Signal Crayfish
  - Shoreline buffer program – still available
  - Forest restoration program
  - Grant applications – for invasive species
  - Lake Monitoring – Fishhook lake is at peak lake level right now
- New Business
  - Dates for Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner
  - Suggested Annual Meeting July 13, 2024
    - 5pm – 8pm
    - Venue – Heartland Park
    - Have Mainstream Meats cater again.
  - Suggested Fall Dinner Sept 14, 2024
    - Gary Smith will talk to Jim Spencer to organize and reserve the Good Life
  - Additional communications using Facebook/email/text/
    - DNR updates
    - Lake Present newsletter
    - Periodic text - group texts
    - Newsletter out by June 1<sup>st</sup> – Neil Jorgenson newsletter editor
  - Suggested Topics?

- Membership planning ideas:
  - At lot of lake Associations have a welcome back dinner – June
  - Lake/River Neighborhoods
  - Some lakes are looking at changing the name association
  - Facebook vs. NextDoor
  - Photo Contest – post the photo every month
- Engagement ideas? – Photo Contest winner posted on Facebook
- AIS Management Plan
  - Curly leaf pond weed – tested in the past and not tested positive
  - Purple loose strife
  - Chinese mystery snails
  - Yellow Iris – on the river
  - Review the draft plan that Gary Smith sent out and discuss how to educate the lake and river homeowners.
  - Look at how to apply for Grants where applicable.
  - Thought - Establish shoreline owners in sections to monitor shoreline
- Next Meeting June 1, 2024
- **Motion to Adjourn**
- Tom Harmon made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. President Gary Smith asked all in favor – Vote was unanimous.
  - Respectfully submitted by Gwen Zent- Secretary