

AGENDA  
FISH HOOK LAKE & RIVER ASSOCIATION

May 3, 2025

‘in the back room’ 3rd Street Market & Café 120 3rd St West 9:00 AM

Mission Statement

The Fish Hook Lake & River Association shall be an advocate of the environment of our lake/river systems. We shall be a partner with

other lake associations and agencies which have an impact on water quality. We shall act as an educator in community

understanding of the issues and goals of our association. The objectives of our efforts are better water quality and property values for

everyone. As a group, we have a stronger voice than as separate individuals.

1. Greetings and Welcome

2. Review Minutes August Meeting

Board reviewed August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes

3. Financial Update (Scott)

As of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

General Account Balance: \$12,545.53

Environmental Account Balance: \$3229.02

City AIS Account: \$4454.57

a. General Account Balance

a. \$7000.00 for inspections was drawn out of the general account

b. Environmental Account

c. City Account

d. Membership

Membership at 7 paid members

**4. COLA Report (Gary)**

Hubbard County Environmental Specialist AIS Prevention Manager, Aaron Anderson presented the 2025 plans – same as 2024 in term of manning 33 lake access point with inspectors.

Peak period cover is still planned

Concern is the MN Budget cut could include \$5million from the state wide budget for AIS Management programs which would impact the ability of HC to provide same level of services

Discussion is ongoing about 'then what' but nothing is set in stone at this time. Aaron Anderson felt they may be able to provide same coverage as 2024 but with some reductions – focus on weekends holidays.

**MN COLA seminar**

**a. Wake Ordinance Seminar – (Safe Wakes for Mn Lakes)**

- a. Some lakes/counties have approved ordinances from MN DNR for wake boats prohibiting wake boats in any area less than 500 feet from shoreline or another watercraft and any that is less than 20 feet deep. Caribou lake in Cook County is an example. Enforcement is by the Cook County Sheriff/Water Patrol
- b. Goal of Surface Use Management – enhance recreation use, safety and enjoyment of the water surface
- c. Preserve these water resources in a way that reflects the state's paramount concern for the protection of its natural resources
- d. Any ordinance or rule should
  - i. Accommodate all compatible recreational uses
  - ii. Minimize adverse impact on natural resources
  - iii. Minimize conflicts between users in a way that provides for maximum use, safety and enjoyment.
  - iv. Type and size of watercraft, area of use and conduct of other activities to secure the safety of the public in high use areas. Considerations- type and horsepower of engines, speed of watercraft time of use.

**b. Connected to President of Potato Lake**

**5. Old Business**

- a. Lake Management Plan Update
- b. Section IV – Goals and Action Plan
- c. Meeting with Sunny Shores revisited

## **6. New Business**

Photo Contest - July, August, Sept - \$75 gift certificate

Board member Gwen – motioned to vote to approve

Board member Scott Gingerich

Board approved

- a. Zebra Mussels – samplers etc.
  - a. Several residents volunteered and samples have been distributed. Most locations on the lake are represented (north, east, west, south etc.)
- b. Board Members Recruitment Ideas?
  - a. Welcome back to the lake event
  - b. First year dues free?
- c. Spring Newsletter – status update, May distribution vs June
- d. Annual Meeting Date – July 19, 2025, Shelter 3 has been reserved from 3-8pm, Coordinator?
- e. Annual Dinner Date –September 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> – Tom Harmon coordinating
- f. Conversation with a member about erosion and loss of shoreline – fundamental question will be how  
  
does the City of Park Rapids regulate the dam and has this changed in the recent past (5-10 yrs) – President Gary Smith will talk to the City.
- g. Membership

## **7. Next Meeting June 7, 2025**

## **8. Motion to Adjourn**

Vice President Jim Know motioned to adjourn, Treasurer Scott Gingerich seconded. Board approved

**Respectfully submitted**

**Secretary Gwen Zent**