

MINUTES
FISH HOOK LAKE & RIVER ASSOCIATION
September 6, 2025

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. Greeting and Welcome
2. Review Minutes August Meeting. Tom moved to approve, Scott 2nd motion to approved passed
3. Financial Update (Scott)
 - a. General Account Balance \$15,011.06
 - b. Environmental Account \$821.02
 - c. City Account \$5904.57
 - d. Membership 95
4. COLA Report –Main Speaker – Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, Executive Director
 - a. Discussion about July 1, 2027 funding cuts might require us to be vigilant and begin lobbying efforts to demonstrate the positive impact that AIS funds have had in stemming the spread of AIS infested lakes
 - b. Successful lobbying is partly driven by lake association memberships – FHLARA is a member
 - c. Lake Steward Program - includes Restore the Shore etc should be reinstated as information available to members
 - d. Boat Cleaning Stations – new signs to include tools , purchasing signage for all 70 Hubbard County public access points, will ask for voluntary contributions from lake associations to reduce cost impact to HCCOLA
 - e. Missing tools at access points - report to Aaron Anderson
5. Announcements / Updates
 - a. AIS Survey – completed, still trying to get coordinates on the Curly Leaf Pondweed
 - b. Women’s Coffee October 6, 2025 Bella’s Café
 - c. Fall Dinner September 13, 2025 5:00 pm
 - d. Lake Map ordered from MNLN for Safe Wake Activities
 - e. eDNA Testing data collected on 8-28-2025. Scott contributed his time, boat and fuel to ferry the testing group to 5 specific locations where samples were collected. Expect to hear about results in the spring of 2026
6. New & Old Business
 - a. *August Fishing Photo Contest – 2 or 3 submissions.*
 - b. *AIS Management Plan (pdf version was emailed as part of the meeting reminder)– Next step is to complete a review of the revisions and finalize*
 - c. *Kisosk – updates? Long Lake example*
7. Next Meeting May 2, 2026
8. Motion to Adjourn Gary at 10am unanimous agreement.