

P.O. BOX 409, WASKISH, MN

March 15 , 2022

The March 15th meeting of the URLAA membership was called to order at 7 p.m. by Robyn Dwight.

Gambling Manager Rick Thayer presented the Gambling Report and bills to be paid. Motion to accept the report as presented and to pay the bills was made by Kevin Waldo and seconded by Bobbi Oen. Unanimous.

Gambling Manager Report also included information of the following items:

1. LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members.
2. Profit and Loss report for February 2022
3. Annual Gross Receipts
4. Tax Return
5. Checking Account Balance
6. Minnesota Revenue Audit
7. Site Inspections
8. Kelliher Liquor Store Report

Grants:

- Kelliher School/Girls' Basketball
- Needs Grant

Both Grants approved

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Kevin Waldo with a second by Todd Mortinson. Unanimous

Treasurer's report: February total checking and saving account-\$28,166.42. Motion to accept as presented was made by Kevin Waldo and seconded by Todd Mortinson. Unanimous.

Keep it Clean Committee Report: attached.

Membership: one business, one individual. It was reported that, to date, there are 84 paid memberships, of which 18 are businesses.

Old Business: Website management - moved by Mark Bieganek and seconded by Kevin Waldo to reimburse Robyn Dwight for \$216.00 for cost of website app to allow additional email recipients to receive grant application notifications. Unanimous.

New Business:

- Election of officers will take place at our next meeting in April which will be the annual general meeting. The positions of Secretary and Board Member are vacant and need to be filled.
- Spring Shoreline Cleanup - media materials and announcements will be handled by the Keep it Clean Committee. Volunteers will host the event on the Memorial Day Weekend. More volunteers will be asked to participate in the cleanup. Yellow bags will be available free of charge. The Keep it Clean Committee is looking as estimates for T-shirts to be available to volunteers and for sale to the public. Beltrami County Solid Waste Management will have dumpsters at the Waskish transfer station for the cleanup. Full details will be on neighborhood signs, the URLAA website and Facebook Page.
- It was suggested that the KIC Committee talk with Brian Olson of Solid Waste Management to promote the Waskish neighborhood summer cleanup.

Correspondence:

Next meeting: April 19, 2022 - 7 p.m. --- WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

Motion to adjourn: Kevin Waldo and Bobbie Oen

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robyn Dwight (acting secretary)

Attachments:

1.) KEEP IT CLEAN COMMITTEE REPORT 03 15 2022

MEDIA - KARE11-Feb 3, 2022, OUTDOOR NEWS- Feb 25, 2002, Mar 4,2022, MN DNR- Mar 14,2022,

COMMITTEE STAKEHOLDERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING March 1, 2022 attended by thirty-three local and regional stakeholders.

- Zach Gutknecht chair- introductions
- Shane Bowe-Red Lake DNR report
- Mike Hirst - Lake of the Woods SWCD/Keep it Clean report
- AJ Pirkl, Public Works Director LOW- report
- Red Lake Watershed District - Zach reported on funding for pilot
- Robyn Dwight - URLAA/Keep it Clean report on actions to date
- Brent Rud - discussion about four season dump stations and designing a survey
- Breakout group to discuss demographics, awareness, current behaviors, barriers, motivators, communication and trusted sources

BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE (BRIAN OLSON) March 2

- Asked for support with enforcement of ordinances, licensing, updated list of businesses

DNR FISHERIES MEETING: MARCH 8 short intro to Keep it Clean

MINNESOTA PCA: March 8 - Nicholas Kramer, environmental specialist, municipal division, Detroit Lakes

- Advice on four season dump station/car-boat wash requirements and construction

DRAFT LEGISLATION: Senator Rob Ecklund presented it on March 10, waiting.

BELTRAMI COUNTY SWCD (Zach Gutknecht) March 11

- Recycle bins at public landings
- Shoreline cleanup (will pay for door hangers)
- Dump station - wetland delineation data
- Ordinances- should talk with Tim Sumner and all other commissioners: all waste and personal items must be contained - nothing touches the ice. Enforcement enabled?
- Fall Keep it Clean committee meeting (TBA) to fine tune Pilot and bring businesses up to date on ordinances, role and responsibilities, distribute media and bags.

SPRING SHORELINE CLEANUP: MEDIA , BAGS, VOLUNTEERS, LOCATION FOR DROP OFF

- Date and time - Memorial weekend, Monday wrap up 1-3pm.
- Bags and vests acquired
- Volunteer sign-up pending
- Door hangers pending
- Media pending
- Transfer station approved

JOINT KEEP IT CLEAN COMMITTEE MEETING (MILLE LACS, LAKE OF THE WOODS AND OTHERS) APRIL TBA (survey, public service announcements, billboard, joint committee roles)

T-SHIRT CAMPAIGN Skeeterstitch estimate, funding TBA - 100 shirts to start

FOUR PILOT DUMPSTERS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY TWO GENERAL SOLID WASTE DUMPSTERS TO ASSIST WITH LAKE CLEANUP - AT MORT'S AND WEST WIND

2.) March 8, 2022 Summary: Upper Red Lake Citizen Advisory Committee

Harvest numbers: 2020/2021 143k lb winter 51k lb summer 194k lb total

Walleye population status: 2015 poor recruitment, 2016 avg., 2017,18,19 good numbers, 2020 avg year. 2021 good young of the year walleye numbers, overall average plus? 6+ 1b/acre spawning stock = surplus condition summer 2022 and maybe beyond.

2021-2022 Harvest year: Winter 134k lb (down 10k lb from the previous winter.) Likely due to deep snow limiting mobility for anglers.

Walleye Regulations Proposed: Open water 2022 4 fish w/1 over 20" Winter 2022-2023 likely 4 fish w/1 over 17" in surplus condition

or 3 fish w/1 over 17" in optimal condition

Other topics: Robyn Dwight, Upper Red Lake Area Association on the Keep It Clean Campaign

Next meeting: Fall 2022 if necessary Respectfully submitted, Todd Mortenson URLAA

March 9, 2022 Summary: Red Lake Fisheries Technical Committee

Annual report:

Walleye 2015 poor recruitment year, 2017,18,19 good numbers, 2020 average.

2021 good young of the year numbers, overall average plus?

Perch and crappie numbers stable the last few years. 2021 young of the year crappie- good numbers...particularly in Lower Red.

2021-2022 Harvest Estimates:

2021 Band harvest 529k lbs

2021-2022 State winter harvest 134k lb (down 10k lb from previous winter).

2022 State summer harvest 150k lb available

2022 Harvest Regulations:

Band- same regulations as recent year target 1m lbs...avg take 565k lbs.

State- proposed summer 4 fish w/1 over 20"

State- proposed winter 4 fish w/1 over 17" surplus or 3 fish w/1 over 17" optimal

Enforcement CO winter reports:

Band- 497 hrs, 1127 contacts, 2 trespass, 2 citation, 1 warning

State- 302 hrs, 286 citations and warnings

Spring Northern Pike Sampling:

Band- attempt pike tagging depending on normal water levels

State- tag 1200 more pike this spring. 25-30 tagged fish reported caught

Aquatic Invasive Species:

More veligers have been found in Upper and Lower Red Lake. To date no adult zebra mussels have shown up.

Trash/ human waste updates:

URLAA is working with BCSWCD to obtain more grant dollars and push legislation to allow for better enforcement. Multi-use dumpsters already in place.

Next meeting, December 7, 2022 Redlake MN

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Mortenson, URLAA