

The November 21, 2023 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Robyn Dwight with fifteen people in attendance.

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 Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Kellie Halvarson. Unanimous.

Gambling Manager Report also included information of the following items:

1. LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members.
2. Profit and Loss report for October, 2023
3. Year to Date Gross Receipts
4. Gambling Control Board Audit - ongoing
5. Checking Account Balance

We have a Two Star Rating.

Grants:

- City of Mizpah Hometown Christmas Event/LaVon Weidenborner
- Waskish Township Christmas Trees for Park/Patsy Petrowske
- Kelliher School Junior Class Prom/Beth Skoe
- Kelliher Public School Spain Trip/Kari Christiansen
- Cornerstone Residence Christmas Gifts for Kids/Jennifer Lotton

All grants were approved.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Kelli Halvarson and seconded by Todd Mortinson. Unanimous

Treasurer's report: November total checking and saving account \$22,799.13. Motion to accept as presented was made by Patsy Petrowske and seconded by Bobbi Oen. Unanimous.

Keep it Clean Committee Report: attached.

Membership: A list of active members can be viewed on the upperredlakeassn.com website/businesses tab. We thank all those who support the Association.

Old Business: Our Certificate of Deposit was renewed at a more favorable interest rate and penalty fee we approved with a motion by Dave DeNoyer and seconded bny Patsy Petrowske. Unanimous.

New Business: Meeting packets are available at each meeting without the need to read aloud.

Correspondence:

- Renewal of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers membership
- Thank you note - City of Blackduck

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM - WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

Motion to adjourn: by Bobbie Oen and seconded by Tim Waldo. Unanimous

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Dwight (secretary)

- Locally, we took stock of the Keep it Clean signage that needs repair or replacement ahead of the ice fishing season. Six new dumpster signs will be built.
- Nov 1 - met with TK Outdoors to plan for the dumpster program at Upper Red Lake this winter.
- Nov 7 - met with Mike Hirst of KIC LOW and a panel of reps from DNR, PCA and Rep. Andrew Myers to strategize about legislation to name an agency to operate a State-wide Keep it Clean program and to develop a funding mechanism for local government units and organizations in need of resources and infrastructure, and more enforcement to deal with new regulations and waste management issues.
- Nov 11 - We met with West Wind staff to discuss possible actions for the stakeholder's meeting on November 21 and the roll-out of the new law impacting waste removal plans and dumpsters contracts.
- Nov 13 - Brian and I met with Mike Hirst of LOW KIC to draft language for a KIC-ICE Bill to be shared with Rep Andrew Myers ahead of a workgroup meeting TBA.
- We have invited 28 stakeholders to our fall stakeholders' meeting at West Wind Resort in Waskish on Nov 21 from 10:30 to noon with lunch provided. The agenda has been sent out as well.
- Billboard Design has been approved and we are hoping to have one of two up this fall, south of Kelliehr on Highway 72.
- A Keep it Clean Press Release has been sent out and is available to view on the URLAA website and the keepitcleanmn.org website.
- Fifty-three lake organizations have now joined Keep it Clean, representing over 1000 lakes across Minnesota.
- DNR, Col. Rodman Smith stated that the Keep it Clean message will be part of their Ice Fishing publications this fall.
- The Keep it Clean Exhibit will be part of the St Paul Ice Fishing show in December.
- In January, the Keep it Clean Wheelhouse will be part of a DNR podcast about the history of Ice Fishing in Minnesota.
- Local businesses are invited to schedule a time for the wheelhouse to be at their location - it makes a great giant billboard for the Keep it Clean message.
- We look forward to our efforts at the Capitol over the winter, and once the ice is in, we are ready to help businesses and visitors "be nice to the ice".

Submitted by: Robyn Dwight

