

The SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Robyn Dwight with eight 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 Kevin Waldo 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 July, 2023
3. Year to Date Gross Receipts
4. Gambling Control Board Audit - ongoing
5. Checking Account Balance

Rick reported that the Compliance Review Board noted some discrepancies and inaccuracies in their Audit Report, which are being addressed by the gambling managers. We are being given 60 days to correct our infractions. We are still waiting for our annual audit report. We have a Three Star Rating.

Grants:

- KLIC for Kids Library Fall and Winter Program/Diane Mostad
- Kelliher Fire and Rescue/Kevin Waldo

Both grants were approved.

Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Bobbi Oen and seconded by Tim Waldo. Unanimous

Treasurer's report: May total checking and saving account \$22974.34. Motion to accept as presented was made by Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Tim Waldo. Unanimous.

Keep it Clean Committee Report: attached.

- Partner's Grant - Zach Gutnecht (Beltrami SWCD) reported on the Clean Water Legacy Partners 2023 Grant that has been awarded to the URLAA and SWCD.
This grant will be used to implement a human waste removal program at Upper Red Lake over the winter fishing season 2023-2024. The Work Plan lists the total grant and matching funds budgeted for activities including: 1.) administration/coordination 2.) Education/Information 3.) Project Development. A subcommittee with Brian Dwight, Robyn Dwight Kellie Halvarson and Zach Gutknecht will meet periodically to review the progress of the work plan.

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:

- Installation of billboard lighting still pending
- Dumpster Program 2023-2024- stakeholders meeting TBA

New Business:

- motion to open a Keep it Clean checking account with two of three URLAA board members to sign. Funds to be used for Keep it Clean projects and expenses in the Upper Red Lake Area
- Newsletter will be coming out in Mid-November

Correspondence:

- \$500 donation from Lou Rayne Beach Association in support of the Keep it Clean efforts
- Thank you note - Kayleen and Chuck Schultz

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 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)

KEEP IT CLEAN COMMITTEE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

LAST MONTH

The month of August was a busy one! Locally, we put the finishing touches on the KIC Educational Whellhouse exhibit. In partnership with Beltrami SWCD staff, we put together phone lanyards, assembled four fisherman diorama, mounted the mural and packed up all the details of the exhibit, which headed out to the Minnesota State Fair on August 22. During the twelve day event, many volunteers helped teach the public about responsible water/ice stewardship while enjoying their winter fishing and camping activities. Volunteers handed out close to 9000 phone lanyards with our messaging, which gave us an opportunity to learn about peoples' concerns and their love for Minnesota's lakes and rivers. We also had the opportunity to talk with legislators and industry leaders about the new legislation prohibiting the placement of trash and waste on the ice. We were grateful to the DNR and the PCA for helping us to promote KEEP IT CLEAN. We also thank the many partners who helped to make our exhibit successful including Timberline Sports of Blackduck and West Wind Resort in Waskish.

LOOKING AHEAD

Locally: we will be meeting with lake access businesses to discuss the details of Year Two's dumpster program. We continue to encourage businesses to consider winterized holding tanks and enhanced waste removal efforts to address the needs of anglers and winter campers.

Save the dates - an email and notifications on social media will be going out to local stakeholders for our fall Keep it Clean Meeting on November 20 or 21, Details TBA.

Regionally and State Wide: Keep it Clean Coalition reps will be back at the capitol seeking a funding mechanism that will work for counties throughout the state concerned about garbage and human waste as a byproduct of ice fishing in their communities.

Watch for the new Keep it Clean Billboards, coming soon.

Keep it Clean Startup Kits are being mailed to SWCDs across the state and a media campaign is in the works to be ready when the 23-24 fishing season kicks off.

The DNR Regs booklet will feature a full page KIC ad reminding folks that trash and waste placed on ice is now a \$100.00 fineable offence. Let's all remember to take hard-sided containers and do our best to keep Upper Red Lake clean.

Anyone wanting to know more about our efforts can visit the Upperedlakeassn.com website or the Keepitcleanmn.org website. We will be happy to work with you.

Submitted by: Robyn Dwight