

January 16 2023 Meeting Minutes

The January 16 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6 p.m. by Robyn Dwight at West Wind Resort with eight people in attendance.

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.

1. LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members.
2. Profit and Loss Report for November 2022
3. Account Balance
4. Annual Audit & Tax Return
5. Year to date Gross Receipts
6. E-tabs
7. Training

We currently have a Three Star Rating.

Grants: Kelliher School Scholarship Fund: approved

Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Tim Waldo with a second by Kevin Waldo. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: December treasurer's report was tabled and presented via email due to Kelli unable to attend. It will be voted on at the February Meeting. Kellie's emailed report state that the total checking and savings is \$24,272.66

Keep it Clean Committee Report: presented by Robyn Dwight, attached.

New Memberships: update pending - Membership person is "out of the office" at time of the meeting

Old Business: Billboard Lighting - pending

New Business:

- Grant application to be made with SWCD as fiscal agent to continue the human waste removal program at Upper Red Lake
- Red Lake Technical Committee Report by Todd Mortinson attached
- Gambling managers will receive a salary increase of \$300.00 and \$150.00 per month respectively. Moved by Tim Waldo, seconded by Dave DeNoyer. Unanimous.

Correspondence: letter from Manitoba Northern Resources and Northern Development read for interest and filed. This was their response to an inquiry about how they are operating a Pilot Program to allow businesses to have wheel house rentals on Lake Winnipeg. Their report is available on-line

Adjournment: Moved by Tim Waldo, seconded by Bobbi Oen. Unanimous

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:00 PM., West Wind, Waskish

Keep it Clean Committee Report: 01 16 23

Winter fishing is in full swing and the KIC Committee is trying to keep pace. Conversations and planning in December have led to a process for drafting legislation to address human waste and garbage left on ice covered lakes in Minnesota. Ben Stanley, Minnesota State Senate Counsel with the Revisor's Office is preparing draft

language for a bill which we hope will be authored by Senator Mark Johnson and carried with bi-partisan support this session.

January 10 - Zach Gutknecht of the SWCD and Dane Erickson, media support, visited Upper Red Lake with Brian and Robyn Dwight to check in on the businesses with dedicated Human Waste dumpsters in the Pilot program, to make sure signage was available and to offer additional toilet bags. We drove out onto the lake at various locations for a glimpse of winter fishing in progress. Although it was easy to find and pick up trash and sewage on the lake, businesses report that the situation is far better than it was last year. Dane provided dozens of great pictures of the frozen lake and our Keep it Clean signage for our website and facebook page.

January 13 - Senator Johnson's leadership assistant, Rachel Bakke, met on Zoom, with thirteen stakeholders, to talk about the Keep it Clean Initiative and give advice on the bill language and other steps we should take moving forward. Although the meeting was brief it was very positive and Rachel offered to meet with us again as needed. This meeting was followed up with further conversation between Keep it Clean partners as we looked for someone to carry our bill. The bill will be available to our Association and the public once it has been approved in the Senate office. We are having further conversations about a companion bill to address funding for the implementation of a Keep it Clean Bill so that counties have the budget and power to develop enforceable ordinances with stiffer fines.

January 13 - Pat Brown, of the Red Lake DNR talked with Robyn about their fish waste processing enterprise and will share our interest with their people in charge. Currently they have a market for the fish guts from their fishery with a Mink Farmer who needs a steady supply. Pat and I talked about the possibility of resorts on Upper Red arranging to use this resource to manage fish waste. Robyn contacted the Province of Manitoba's Department of Natural Resources and Northern Development after reading a news article about a Pilot Program on Lake Winnipeg to allow a limited number of licensed operators to set up "commercial overnight accommodations on ice". The reply and link to a website with licensing and permitting instructions was included. Robyn has shared this with the association for interest.

January 17 - Robyn and Brian will attend the Red River Basin Commission Conference in Winnipeg on January 17 & 18 to introduce the Minnesota Keep it Clean Initiative
January 20 - Robyn has been invited to attend the annual DNR Roundtable in Bloomington, MN. Joe Henry, of LOTW KIC will also be in attendance. This will be an opportunity for Joe and Robyn to continue the conversation about education, legislation and funding for our priorities.

Sheriff Jason Riggs has invited Robyn to be on Chat About - a local radio program, in early February, to talk about Keep it Clean and to explain the benefits to communities in our county. It has been a very busy month and we continue to have positive feedback and growing support for our work. Lake area associations around the State are encouraged to visit the Keepitcleanmn.org website to find out how they can join and make a difference in their areas. Keepitcleanmn.org See this great video narrated by Ron Schara : Keep it Clean - Be Nice To Our Ice

Submitted by: Robyn Dwight



Red Lake Fisheries Technical Committee via WebEx
Wednesday, December 7th 2022 9 AM

A Welcome/introductions 9am

B March 2022 draft meeting minutes

C Joint assessment report

- a confirm spawner stock biomass
- 1- 3.4 #/acre= optimal status
- 2-2017 yr class providing a lot of angler opportunity
- 3-2019 very good spawning recruitment
- 4-2022 looks good...high fry density
- 5-not many walleye over 21" which is forage based
- 6-crappie year classes are sporadic...fair is average
- 7-perch year classes remain poor to fair

D Harvest year estimates

- a State.....237k pounds Nov 21-Oct 22
- b Band.....628k pounds " " Hook & line 176k Netting 452k

E Enforcement updates

- a State.....85 contacts (citations/warnings)
- b Band.....47 contacts (1 citation, wanton waste) 13 rescues

F Harvest plans 2023 +

- a State....optimal=3 fish w/1>17" winter, summer likely will be the same
- b Band....same as since 2010-11
- 1-10 walleye daily, 30 possession for subsistence anglers
- 2-Commercial, 150 daily hook & line...3 net crews w/3-1/2" mesh all fish to fishery

G Other topics

- a Invasive species
- 1-\$300k from legislature for decontamination units
- 2-No adult mussels found in Upper or Lower Red Lake
- b Rock Dam, Army Corp to alter to allow fish back upstream located 10 mi down stream on the Red Lake River
- c 10 yr re-evaluate of harvest plan, revise by 2025...MOU state/band due in 2029

H Additional issues...sturgeon re-introduction going well, stocking and tagging to resume

I Approval of December meeting minutes, set March meeting date Wed March 8, Bemidji

J Adjourn at 10:15 am