

The June 20, 2023 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Robyn Dwight with eight persons 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 Bobbi Oen and seconded by Dave DeNoyer. Unanimous.

Gambling Manager Report also included information of the following items:

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

We have a Four Star Rating

Grants:

- Beltrami County 4-H Horse Drill Team - approved
- Bear Country Shoot; MN Mounted Shooters Assoc; Kooch County Ag Assn/Libby Wickum - approved
- Friends Up North; Big Bog Festival/Jay Waldo - approved

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Kellie Halvarson and seconded by Dave DeNoyer. Unanimous

Treasurer's report: May total checking and saving account-\$22,305.53. Motion to accept as presented was made by Bobbi Oen and seconded by Kevin Waldo. Unanimous.

Keep it Clean Committee Report: attached.

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

Old Business:

- Septic Site Assessment Update - Dave Larson will meet in July with business owners interested in installing winterized holding tanks
- Expenses were submitted for lunch provided by West Wind to highway clean-up crews from Kelliher School
- Installation of billboard lighting still pending

New Business:

- The Association's Keep it Clean Committee/Beltrami SWCD are putting finishing touches on a wheeled fish house exhibit for the State Fair at the end of August. Volunteers are needed to help out at the exhibit. More information to come.

Correspondence:

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM - WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

Motion to adjourn: Bobbi Oen, seconded by Dave DeNoyer. Unanimous

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Dwight (secretary)

Keep it Clean Committee Report 06 20 23

This spring, the committee has been focussing on local efforts and preparing for media outreach as the winter fishing season approaches.

We have been talking with board members of MN-FISH about partnering with them in some way as our efforts expand our workload increases, or to formalize our organization by taking on a non-profit status.

At Upper Red Lake, interested parties are scheduling site assessments with Larson Environmental to determine viability of winterized holding tanks for RV Wheelhouse dumps at their locations in the Upper Red Lake area..

Beltrami SWCD and URLAA/Keep it Clean are gathering resources and developing their exhibit for the State Fair. Thanks to MPCA grant funding from Clean Water Legacy dollars, we have purchased a wheelhouse and contracted with an artist for a beautiful mural as part of our traveling Keep it Clean display. We are looking for volunteers to help out at our exhibit between August 24 and September 4. The exhibit will be in the DNR Yard which drew close to 250,000 visitors last year.

We have determined locations for two Keep it Clean Billboards in Beltrami County and are excited to be working with property owners this summer. We are also seeking out appropriate locations on the interstate for two more billboards.

A new **Keep it Clean - no trash on the ice** law goes into effect on August 1. Our committee is working hard to help educate the public about how to enjoy the winter fishing/camping season while being clean water stewards. We are staying in touch with legislators so they don't forget that counties must have the resources they need to enforce the new law.

Our **Keep it Clean** website and Facebook Page will be getting an overhaul over the next few weeks as we provide updated resources in light of new rules on the ice. We will be sending packages to SWCDs across the state in an effort to encourage lake associations like ours to take an active role in helping visitors manage their leftovers during the ice fishing season.

I have been told that the shorelines were noticeably cleaner this spring than they have been in the past. Fishing has been incredible since opening weekend as well. Happy people, happy fish - a great combination.

Submitted by: Robyn Dwight
President: URLAA