

P.O. BOX 409, WASKISH, MN

The March 19, 2024 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Robyn Dwight with twelve 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 Tim Waldo and seconded by Kellie Halvarson. Unanimous.

The Gambling Manager Report also included information on the following items:

1. LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members.
2. Profit and Loss Report for February 2024
3. Year to Date Gross Receipts - Fiscal YTD: \$1,616,318
4. Gambling Control Board Audit - completed and filed
5. Checking Account Balance \$80,096.63

We have a four-star rating.

Grants:

- Kelliher School Senior Class Trip/Pennie Rud - tabled
- Northome High School MCAs/Libby Wickum - tabled
- Kelliher-Waskish First Responders Cot System/Mindy Rennemo
- Blackduck Ambulance Assoc Generator/Molly Vollbrecht
- North Beltrami Sportsmen's Club/Mitch Wilson

All grants not tabled were unanimously approved.

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Kevin Waldo. Unanimous

Treasurer's report: February total checking and savings account \$22,510.66. Keep it Clean account static at \$25.00 Motion to accept by Bobbi Oen and seconded by Tim Waldo. 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: Julie Denoyer has been added as a membership administrator/for our website

New Business: Motion for Board of Directors to oppose HF4780/SF5080 and land transfer efforts in our area. Unanimous. When all business was completed the board joined other attendees in the main hall to discuss HF 4780/SF5080. The hall was overflowing and dozens of people stood outside. Dave Vipond, from Mahnomens, shared experiences with proposed land transfer legislation in the White Earth community. Senator Steve Green attended remotely and offered his concerns and call to action. Numerous community members asked questions and shared concerns. Fifteen individuals offered to testify at the Capitol, as necessary, to stop the bill from being passed into law. Everyone in the room agreed that a letter/phone/email/meeting campaign was important in letting legislators know how we feel about this legislation. The board pledged to work with our Representatives and others to oppose the legislation for the community. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00: moved by Tim Waldo, seconded by Kevin Waldo

Correspondence: None

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM - WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

## Keep it Clean Committee Report 03- 19- 24

As this month comes to a close, KIC members are in conversation with legislators and partners as we promote our Keep it Clean program and funding legislation. HF 3662 is attached.

Our wheelhouse has been cleaned and stored in the Beltrami County storage unit. All exhibit components are stored and accessible upon request.

The dumpster program ended in February and all dumpsters were picked up in the first week of March. The hauler and businesses reported no problems.

The next regional meeting for Keep it Clean was 02-28-24. There was good attendance and the Program/Funding Bill was the main topic.

Our partners' grant is being dispersed for Keep it Clean projects in our area.

Robyn made a presentation to the MASWCD Area 8 meeting on Friday, March 18. It was well received.

Robyn made a presentation to the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Red Lake Watershed District on Monday, March 18. She also conversed with attendees about the implications of HF4780 for Upper Red Lake Area residents if the Bill becomes law.

Visit [keepitcleanmn.org](http://keepitcleanmn.org) or talk to me if you want information about Keep it Clean and how you can help.

We continue to grow our [Keepitcleanmn.org](http://Keepitcleanmn.org) membership and are glad to see partners stepping up with efforts in their communities.

Submitted by: Robyn Dwight

