

The April 28, 2025, meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Robyn Dwight with sixteen people in attendance.

Gambling Manager Rick Thayer presented the Gambling Report and bills to be paid. The motion to accept the report as presented and to pay the bills was made by Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Frank Duresky. Unanimous. The Gambling Manager Report also included information on the following items:

LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members:

Profit and Loss Report for March, 2025: Net Profit for all sites \$26,540.14

Checking Account Balance: \$10,493.72

Accountant: Annual Audit Complete

Linked E-Bingo - new to 3 sites with E-tabs

We have a Four-Star Rating

Grants:

- Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Kelliher-Take a Kid Fishing/Dick McCarthy
- Kelliher & Blackduck Community Education-Youth & Safety Field Day/Brice Vollbrecht
- Kelliher School Trap Team- Trap Jerseys/Scott Waldo
- Kelliher/Northome School Girls Basketball- Summer Basketball Program/Kevin Waldo

All grants were approved for the requested amounts.

Minutes: Minutes from the Regular March meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Tim Waldo and seconded by Kellie Halverson. Unanimous. Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of March 26 were approved with a motion by the same. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: April total checking and savings account \$19182.23. Motion to accept by Tim Waldo and seconded by Frank Duresky. Unanimous. Motion to give a \$50 gift card to Kim Nelson, as a thank-you for storing KeepitClean lake signs on his property by Frank Duresky. Seconded by Kevin Waldo. Unanimous.

Keep it Clean Committee Report: attached.

Membership: A list of active members can be viewed on the urlaa.org website/businesses tab. We thank all those who support the Association. We thank all those who visit the upperredlakeforall.com website and donate to help us with that effort. Protecting our public lands and waters is integral to our mission statement.

Old Business: Reminder of Spring Shoreline Cleanup

Election of Officers and Board Members and Terms:

- Robyn Dwight - President (2027) (Board 2026)
- Kevin Waldo - Vice-President (2028) (Board 2026)
- Val Waldo - Secretary (2027)
- Kellie Halverson - Treasurer (2028) (Board 2026)
- Tim Waldo - Board Member (2027)
- Frank Duresky - Board Member (2027)
- Dave DeNoyer - Board Member (2026)
- Gambling Managers: Rick Thayer and Bobbi Oen

- Membership/Newsletter Manager: Julie DeNoyer
- Partners Grant Committee: Kellie Halverson and Robyn Dwight
- Keep it Clean Committee: Robyn Dwight

New Business: A meeting with Fryberger law firm is scheduled for May 5th to explore the need for legal help with nonprofit specialists. Discussion took place about completing a multi-use trail through the community along Hwy #72, with Waskish Township board members taking the lead. The association will participate in the project. There was discussion about holding a Town Hall Meeting to discuss local concerns, with area legislators being asked to attend. Robyn brought up the perception that the DNR public beach needed more attention, so it would be cleaner for swimmers. The association is willing to support a greater effort. There was no news on a shared summer staffing effort of the AIS boat wash station in Homestead Park. Robyn has asked for clarification from Beltrami County numerous times, with no definite response. Robyn will ask Diane Mostad if the Beltrami Heritage Newsletter can be digital so it can be included on our social media sites.

Correspondence: Thank you cards

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM - WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

Motion to adjourn: by Kevin Waldo and seconded by Kellie Halverson. Unanimous

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Dwight (acting secretary)



Keep it Clean Report for April 20, 2025

Statewide: As of today, HF1120/SF2859 is not included in the Environment Omnibus Bill #2439. Rep Heintzeman recommended that Keep it Clean be included as an eligible grant option and have a line in LCCMR APPROPRIATIONS. The new provision is pending democratic approval and will be approved or denied through the negotiations between the Chairs. We are advised to talk to Chair Fisher and Rep Hanson, urging them to support this recommendation. To date, I have not contacted either of them. Please reach out to them if you can. Our concerns should be heard before they ultimately decide. Rep Hanson is familiar with Keep it Clean. I do not know Chair Fisher. We do not have lobbyists dedicated to Keep it Clean in St Paul.

Locally - signage and resources are in storage until needed next fall.

The partners' grant with Beltrami County is pending. The LCCMR/ENRTF GRANT has been submitted and awaits next steps. The spring shoreline cleanup is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, when the Waskish Transfer Station will accept lake trash in yellow bags. Most residents have already done an excellent job of cleaning up their shorelines and have commented that there is far less trash to deal with than in past years.

Robyn Dwight: URLAA/KIC Coalition