

The January 21, 2024 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Robyn Dwight with fourteen 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 December 2024: Net Profit for all sites \$26,650.30**

**We have a Two Star Rating**

**Motion to accept by Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Frank Duresky. Unanimous.**

**Grants:**

- Waskish Township Historical Project/Patsy Petrowske
- Take A Kid Fishing/Dickc McCarthy

Both grants were unanimously approved.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Frank Duresky and seconded by Tim Waldo. Unanimous

**Treasurer's Report:** January total checking and savings account \$22,436.78. Motion to accept by Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Kevin Waldo. Unanimous.

**Keep it Clean Committee Report:** attached.

**Membership:** A list of active members can be viewed on the urlaa.org (upperredlakeassn.com) website/businesses tab. We thank all those who support the Association.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Scott Peterson (Blackduck Development Corporation) introduced his organization and its mission to enhance economic development in northern rural communities by working together.
- The petition to protect public lands and waters in the Upper Red Lake area has received over 300 signatures on a paper version and over 1200 on an online version to date.
- Jr's CornerAccess requested the association to manage their pull-tabs next winter. Discussion followed—further discussion required.
- Discussion about a spring fishing derby - further discussion required

**Correspondence:** Charitable Organization forms are to be filled out and returned to the State AG and IRS.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM - WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

**Motion to adjourn:** by Kevin Waldo and seconded by Frank Duresky. Unanimous

**Minutes** respectfully submitted by Brian Dwight (acting secretary)



## Keep it Clean Report for February 18, 2024

Locally, the committee is monitoring the waste removal program with minor complaints but no serious issues. Outfitters report that the ice is very well taken care of this season and that the dumpster program is running smoothly.

Regionally, the Keep it Clean Coalition is adding new members and promoting the statewide effort through local geofencing, social media, and news items. It is noted that the MNDNR and the MPCA are doing their outreach to promote Keep it Clean and our work is highlighted in Ottertail County COLA and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Newsletters. Joe Henry of Lake of the Woods has released a Keep it Clean video in which he talks about the litter on ice law and the new pending legislation.

Legislatively, the Keep it Clean 2.0 bill has been introduced in the House by Representative Myers and in the Senate by Senator Putnam. The Association is using its social media sites to educate the public about this bill and to urge legislators to support it as it passes through committees.

The Keep it Clean wheelhouse has been located at the Food and Fuel Cenex Station for the past two weeks. Brian and Robyn will attend the Fishing with Ducks event in Mille Lacs to promote Keep it Clean alongside Alec Wilcox of the Beltrami SWCD.

Committee members met with Alec Wilcox (SWCD) today to talk about the future of the dumpster program and possible funding sources for next year. As Alec is moving to a new job within the County we will be working through our partner's grant with a new hire going into the next ice fishing season.

Robyn accepted an invitation to speak to a school group in Bemidji as part of a SWCD clean water event in May.

The MPCA will be filming and interviewing in our community on Feb 23 & 24 for a project to promote Keep it Clean. More details to come.

Submitted by: Robyn Dwight: URLAA/KIC Committee