

May 17, 2022

The May 17th meeting of the URLAA membership was called to order at 6 p.m. by Robyn Dwight at West Wind Resort in Waskish with nine 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 RTim Waldo and seconded by Bobbi Oen. Unanimous.

Gambling Report:

1. LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members.
2. Profit and Loss report for March 2022
3. Annual Gross Receipts
4. New Site Inquiry - Road Runner Drive In (approved)
5. Checking Account Balance

We currently have a Four Star Rating.

Grants:

- Friends Up North/Big Bog Festival - Jay Waldo
- Kelliher School/ Boys' Basketball - Chase Pink
- Blackduck HS Treap Club/National Competition - Scott Long

All Grants approved

Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Tim Waldo with a second by Kellie Halverson. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: March total checking and saving account- \$27,243.78. A payment of \$800.00 not recorded last month was rectified. Motion to accept as presented was made by Bobbi Oen and seconded by Kevin Waldo. Unanimous.

Keep it Clean Committee Report: attached and submitted, with minutes, to URLAA website.

New Memberships: No new memberships this month. The membership list is regularly updated on the Association's website.

Old Business: Spring Shoreline Cleanup - T-shirts, media and advertising and booth at West Wind Resort ready for May Long Weekend. Cleanup Crew on standby. Thanks to JOsh Jones of Red LAke DNR for taking awesome video footage of the shoreline with his dron. It shows how limited the accessible shoreline is due to high lake levels this spring. Spring Newsletter not to print yet. URLAA signboard in progress. MDOT must approve, TBA.

New Business: No other new business was at hand.

Correspondence: Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Membership form. It was decided to become an annual member. Thank you notes for previous donations.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 21 - **6 p.m.** --- WEST WIND RESORT, WASKISH, MN

Motion to adjourn: Tim Waldo, Brian Dwight

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary, Brian Dwight

We have received an estimate for a billboard - \$12,000. No action on this at this time

Regional Keep it Clean Meeting - 05 16 22. Ten people in attendance. We had a consensus with Lake of the Woods and Mille Lacs on our purpose and path forward as a Regional Committee. Is our message more about dealing with garbage or is the focus on human waste? In any event, we need to keep the message simple and provide a clear plan that the public will adopt and follow. A Keep it Clean Website will be developed where information can be available about all ice-belt lakes. A "Keep it Clean Toolbox" was suggested for Social Media ads. There was a lot of dialogue about how to involve state agencies to do the heavy lifting if this initiative goes state-wide. A Round Table Discussion with legislators and agency reps is tentatively scheduled for late June to put forward our concerns and ask for participation and financial support. We discussed how the Keep it Clean logo should be used going forward. Consistency in messaging is very important. We shared the efforts we are each involved in at this time in our areas. Spring cleanups are underway in all three areas. We all agreed that the DNR has to play a role in this initiative, likely through ECOWATERS. Nate Kessner will be contacted and asked for his expertise in messaging. We are still pursuing major funding for infrastructure and resources related to handling waste during the winter fishing season. This week, a lobbyist asked to take our draft bill to the LCCMR. We are hopeful that there will be a response in the coming weeks. The City of Kelliher will be meeting with an engineering firm to assess their waste water treatment system. This is in advance of considering a four seasons RV Dump/ Car Wash being built at an appropriate location.

The Regional KIC will meet again in August to prepare for the coming ice fishing season. In the meantime we are staying in touch via email as we move forward.