

P.O. BOX 409, WASKISH, MN

July 19, 2022

## Remote Meeting notes

The July 21 meeting of the URLAA was canceled due to travel and meeting commitments of the board president and secretary. The board met and shared reports via email. Gambling Manager Rick Thayer presented the Gambling Report. Kelly Halverson presented the Treasurer's Report. Brian Dwight presented Minutes of the June Meeting. Robyn Dwight shared the Keep it Clean Committee Report for July. All reports were unanimously approved. The Minutes and Keep it Clean report will be posted on the URLAA website. A grant request from Koochiching County for the Northome Country Fair for \$500.00 was approved. No new members this month. The membership list is regularly updated on the Association's website. There was no discussion of old or new business and no correspondence during July.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16 @ 6:00 at West Wind Resort in Waskish.

Keep it Clean Committee Report August 16, 2022

July 19 - The Mille Lacs Lake Keep it Clean Rep, Anne Brucciani-Lyon, came to Upper Red Lake for a tour of the area and continued to Lake of the Woods with Brian and myself, where we met jointly with Mike Hirst of that Keep it Clean Group to view the lakeshore flood damage and discuss our regional and local efforts.

Phone conversations with Representative Matt Grossell, Bob Meier of the DNR and Mark Holsten of MNFish took place at the beginning of July, where they committed to helping Keep it Clean work towards their goals of reducing human waste on ice belt lakes during the winter fishing season. We requested a Roundtable to talk about details. This is TBA. Mr. Holsten has invited me to represent the Keep it Clean Campaign at the Fishing Symposium in St Paul in December.

August 3, 2022 - I made a presentation to the Northern Plan Committee of the Board of Water and Soil and Water Resources, in Bemidji at Ryan Hughes' invitation. The presentation was a joint effort of our regional committee, which laid out our campaign. It was well received by the Committee.

August 25 - I was invited to attend the full board meeting of the Board of Water and Soil Resources in East Grand Forks to present our campaign once again, by Theresa Ebbenger, MNDNR. She has also pledged to support our efforts this year.

Zach (Beltrami County SWCD) and I continue to prepare for the PILOT dumpster program to operate in the Upper Red Lake area this December, January and February.

The Regional Committee continues to seek regulation changes, legislation and funding for major infrastructure projects that will serve anglers and visitors to our lakes over the winter months.

Locally, we are planning a fall meeting with local businesses and other stakeholders to share information and provide resources. TBA. Submitted by: Robyn Dwight