

The July 18, 2023 meeting of the URL AA membership was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Robyn Dwight with twelve persons 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 Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Kellie Halkvarson. Unanimous.

Gambling Manager Report also included information of the following items:

1. LG1004-Monthly Gambling report to members.
2. Profit and Loss report for June 2023
3. Year to Date Gross Receipts
4. Gambling Control Board Audit - ongoing
5. Checking Account Balance

We have a Four Star Rating

**Grants:**

- Kooch County Fair/Karrie Gieser

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May meeting were approved and accepted with a motion by Dave DeNoyer and seconded by Bobbi Oen. Unanimous

**Treasurer's report:** May total checking and saving account-\$22,530.78. Motion to accept as presented was made by Dave DeNoyer 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:**

- Installation of billboard lighting still pending

**New Business:**

- Needs Grant
- Concerns about more considerate vetting of grants was discussed. All board members will be now included on the grant application email list.
- Julie DeNoyer will have access to member spreadsheets and assist Robyn in keeping memberships up to date on our website.

**Correspondence:**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM - WESTWINDS, WASKISH, MN

**Motion to adjourn:** Tim Waldo, seconded by Dave DeNoyer. Unanimous

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

## **Keep it Clean Committee Report 07 18 23**

July has been a month for fulfilling grant requirements related to designated projects:

- Three of five billboards now have homes - two in Beltrami County and one in Roseau County.
- A new suite of marketing materials has been updated to reflect the new law prohibiting placement of garbage and waste on ice of State waters. Samples packs will be mailed to SWCD offices across the State and be available on the Keep it Clean Website.
- A digital media campaign is underway and will be ready prior to the start of the upcoming ice fishing season.
- Details are coming together for the wheeled fish house exhibit at the State Fair from August 24 to September 4, 2023. A volunteer list has been distributed via email to Keep it Clean members. A per diem of \$40 helps cover the cost of parking an admission.

Representative Andrew Myers and Ron Schara are working on producing a one-minute Keep it Clean Video, which will air this fall.

The NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) published a two-page story about the Keep it Clean Initiative in their recent quarterly newsletter. It is available to view on the [Keepitcleanmn.org](http://Keepitcleanmn.org) website.

MN-Fish directors met with Keep it Clean to discuss their role in the path forward for Keep it Clean. More work needs to be done so the appropriate State Agencies can pick up the effort to protect and keep lakes clean in the winter, with resources attached to a winter program, possibly in the same manner as the Aquatic Invasive Species program is implemented across the State. The MN-Fish board is meeting in August and will report their findings.

The Keep it Clean Regional Committee met by Zoom on July 18 to meet new members and update current members on our present activities and future projects. Interest and membership continues to grow.

Submitted by:

Robyn Dwight