

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
February 15, 2020
8:30 a.m.

The February Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on February 15, 2020 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Steve Stauff, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Peggy Ward, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Sec./Treas., Sue Griffin. 20 association members were present.

President P. Flom called the meeting to order @ 8:35 a.m. P. Flom reviewed the agenda. Motion by A. Bachmeier, seconded by P. Ward to approve the agenda. Approved. Members reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by B. Green, seconded by S. Stauff to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2020 meeting. Approved. S. Griffin reviewed the January Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$61,309.06; Total Deposits \$1,050.00; Total Disbursements - \$1,552.95; Reconciled checking account balance as of January 31, 2020 - \$60,806.11. Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$1,183.98. Motion by A. Bachmeier, seconded by S. Schneider to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$62,359.00; Total Tax - \$22,751.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$29,602.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$10,686.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$135,228.43. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$371,547.66. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$368,757.76. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$132,438.53. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by P. Flom, seconded by E. Spangler. Approved. To be approved: Compensation/tax \$8,000; Rent \$20,000; Miscellaneous \$4,000; Tabs and Tax \$35,000. Total to be approved - \$67,000.00 Motion to approve was made by G. Reilly, seconded by P. Flom. Approved. Discussion on assistant gambling manager position. Ron stated he has been paying Peggy Ward \$150/week in her role as assistant gambling manager. He also noted that Sidelines Bar & Grill is the largest bar-op pull-tab site in the state. Discussion.

Weed Control: G. Tschida reported they met with Professional Lake Management (PLM) last week to review plans for 2020. We will treat curlyleaf pondweed as we did last year, and in addition, we will also address the milfoil issue. A delineation will be done on the entire lake mid-summer and then PLM will put together a program to treat the milfoil. This will be an ongoing program if it needs to be. He also stated that we will again provide our credit for on-shore treatment as we have done in the past. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. O'Brien giving approval to spend up to \$10,000 to PLM for the discovery phase. Approved.

Miscellaneous: L. Steeves gave a report from the Nessel Town Board Meeting. The DNR is purchasing a parcel of land and will build a better parking lot for the wildlife management area. Also, the township received a full grant for a broadband system. They are negotiating with Centurylink to bore fiber optics into the ground to every resident. It will then be up to the individual homeowner if they wish to sign up.

P. Flom reported that we now have a policy and procedure on our website for donation requests. Discussion followed. R. Eiden stated someone from the county will have to go to our website and request for the Children's Waterfest. He will also ask the owner of Sidelines to go online to request the donation for the "Sober Cab." The following is a list of suggested donation requests: \$600 Nessel Town Hall; \$2,000 - Sober Cab; \$1,000 - RC Food Shelf; \$1,000 - Cambridge Food Shelf; \$2,500 - Children's Waterfest; \$2,500 - Let's Go Fishing. Total is \$9,600. P. Flom stated that should these organizations ask for a donation, it would be approved. Motion was made by A. Bachmeier, seconded by P. Ward. Approved. Any additional requests will have to be voted on.

P. Flom discussed what would happen if we didn't have this money to work with. Just to do what we did last year for offshore treatments - annual dues would need to be \$357. He also stated that any new board coming in can undo anything we have done. Discussion followed on board members having personal expenses due to being a

board member (i.e., internet service, gas, volunteering over and above, etc.) It's not like 20 years ago when we could only correspond by phone. Now everyone is connected in several ways and there are expenses. More on this discussion next month.

Ice Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, March 7th. Meet at Flickabirds at 9:00 a.m. to pick up your bags and sign in. Thank you to Jackie Flom for coordinating this effort with the Adopt-A-River Program.

Motion to adjourn was made by A. Bachmeier, seconded by P.Flom. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

NOTE: Mark Apfelbacher with CD3 gave a presentation on the CD3 waterless, free, user-operated cleaning equipment that includes wet/dry vacuum, blower system, tethered hand tools and lights. This equipment would be placed right next to a boat launch – free to use cleaning tools. Cost is \$31,000 – maintenance would be the responsibility of the lake association.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer