

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
February 17, 2019
8:30 a.m.

The February meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on February 17, 2019 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Doug O'Brien, Bill, Picha, Steve Stauff, Greg Tschida, Peggy Ward, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Sec./Treas., Sue Griffin. 15 association members were present.

President P. Flom called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2019 meeting. Motion was made by E. Spangler, seconded by P. Ward, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2019 meeting. Approved. S. Griffin reviewed the January Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$38,432.73; Total Deposits \$1,400.00; Total Disbursements - \$342.37; Reconciled checking account balance as of January 31, 2019 - \$39,490.36. Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$1,182.19. Motion by P. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$58,407.00; Total Tax - \$21,708.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$29,517.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$7,182.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$168,369.49; Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$350,302.66; Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$346,907.72. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$164,974.55. Ron reported that he checked on our unemployment and workman's compensation - neither of which we could ever collect on. He called the State to discuss this - the option we have for workman's comp would be to buy a \$50,000 bond. We are a 5 million dollar business. Discussion followed. He will check on the cost of purchasing a bond. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. O'Brien, seconded by B. Picha. Approved. To be approved: Compensation/tax \$6,000; Rent \$20,000; Miscellaneous \$4,000; Tabs and Tax \$35,000. Total to be approved - \$65,000.00 Motion to approve was made by B. Picha, seconded by M Anderson. Approved.

Miscellaneous Business: Weed Control: G. Tschida stated they met with Professional Lake Management which is the firm we have hired to manage us going forward regarding weed control. PLM is currently requesting an RFP regarding the chemical treatment for off-shore. He said that any agreement with Lake Restoration is between the homeowner and Lake Restoration. Regarding the off-shore (navigable areas) that we have treated in the past, PLM is now reaching out to different vendors for this treatment. Bids will be opened March 4th. Greg again stated that PLM will have the data and it will always be available to all. They will professionally manage the lake on a long term basis. As soon as the ice is out, they will do a delineation to determine how it will be treated. Rates can be adjusted if necessary. They will also assess the channel. Discussion followed regarding Lake Restoration on-shore (one treatment vs. 2 treatments), and guidelines/rules for a fishing tournament were discussed. Discussion followed. Joe Pung volunteered to check with the Sheriff's Office regarding the guidelines and he will report back to us at the March meeting.

Lake Clean-Up Day: P. Flom reminded members of our annual lake clean-up day on Saturday, March 2nd. Please meet at Flickabirds @ 10:00 to sign in. Thank you to Jackie Flom for coordinating this with the Adopt-A-River Program.

New Business: J. Pung discussed loon nesting boxes. He stated the DNR has a person who does this and it is not very costly. Discussion followed. If someone can get the info, then we can find someone to head this project.

A motion to adjourn was made by P Ward, seconded by M. Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer