

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
March 16, 2019
8:30 a.m.

The March meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on March 16, 2019 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill, Picha, Peggy Ward, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Sec./Treas., Sue Griffin. 11 association members were present.

Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the February 17, 2019 meeting. Motion was made by D. O'Brien, seconded by S. Schneider, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2019 meeting. Approved. S. Griffin reviewed the February Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$39,490.36; Total Deposits \$482.33; Total Disbursements - \$267.37; Reconciled checking account balance as of February 28, 2019 - \$39,705.32. Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$1,182.31. Motion by S. Schneider, seconded by B. Green to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$55,142.00; Total Tax - \$20,525.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$24,048.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$10,569.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$175,149.63; Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$357,148.56; Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$355,543.66. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$173,544.73. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by T. Muellner, Sr, 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 P. Ward, seconded by D. Manders. Approved. Ron discussed our involvement with Professional Lake Management (PLM) and stated that Greg would like a motion and approval to spend up to an additional \$5,000 for ongoing work with PLM. Discussion followed. Motion to approve was made by J. Pung, seconded by D. Manders. Approved. Ron stated that PLM has awarded the off-shore spraying to Lake Restoration.

Miscellaneous Business: D. O'Brien discussed an upcoming class sponsored by the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC). This program is in partnership with the University of Minnesota for individuals to become trained volunteers to be an AIS detector. Doug is going to attend the class on Friday, May 3rd. Need approval for up to 5 people to attend. Discussion followed. R. Eiden will check to see if this expense can be paid out of the gambling fund. Motion was made by B. Picha, seconded by D. Manders, for RLIA to pay up to \$1,000 for the invasive weed control course. Approved. Contact Doug or Bill if you are interested.

J. Pung talked to someone at the DNR office regarding the loon nesting boxes - they will send out a packet of information to him. B. Picha stated he stopped at the DNR Office and they didn't have a packet, but told him to go online for the information. This is an anchored floating platform made out of PVC.

R. Eiden discussed future donations. We will discuss and make a decision at the annual meeting on donations. Any suggestions, please talk to a board member. He stated we have approximately \$59,000 that we will have to spend in order to keep our 501(c)3.

B. Picha reported they are still working on our website. When completed, it will be sent to the board for review. Discussion on a possible presentation on the new website at our April meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Pung, seconded by P. Ward. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer