

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
May 18, 2019
8:30 a.m.

The May meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on May 18, 2019 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill, Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Steve Stauff, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secr./Treas., Sue Griffin. 19 association members were present.

President Pete Flom called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2018 meeting. Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by S. Schneider to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2019 meeting. Approved. At this time Ron Rogosheske introduced one of the 3 scholarship recipients who is unable to attend the annual meeting in June. Ron gave a background on the scholarship. Recipient, Seth Hora, will graduate from RCHS as well as Anoka Ramsey Community College. Seth gave a recap of his essay on why Rush Lake was important to him. He will be attending University of MN Duluth in the fall for electrical engineering. S. Griffin reviewed the April Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$40,076.71; Total Deposits \$1,020.00; Total Disbursements - \$4,581.40; Reconciled checking account balance as of April 30, 2019 - \$36,515.31. Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$1,182.63. Motion by R. Rogosheske, seconded by D. Foerster, to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$57,400.00; Entire Tax - \$21,301.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$30,233.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$2,570.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$181,597.69; Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$383,878.996; Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$379,336.46. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$177,055.16. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by M. Anderson, seconded by G. Reilly. 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 D. Foerster, seconded by B. Picha. Approved. Ron stated he needs approval to spend up to \$85,000 for Professional Lake Management for weed control. Discussion. Motion to approve was made by B. Picha, seconded by S. Schneider. Approve.

Miscellaneous Business: D. Foerster showed the No Wake Zone banners which will be displayed by volunteer homeowners on both East and West Rush Lake. These banners will not be put up at public landings. Each homeowner will be responsible to take them down and store until next year.

L. Steeves reported on our upcoming annual meeting on June 15th. There will be two speakers; Patrick Selter, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist from Professional Lake Management as well as RLIA member Tim Donelon will give an update on our new website. Set up will be Friday @ 2:00 - meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., June 15th.

G. Tschida gave an update on weed control as follows: On-shore - we have a total of 91 members eligible to receive the credit which will cost us \$18,200. Off-Shore - he explained the reason for doing off-shore is to give navigation to the lake. We will treat 60 acres on West and 40 acres on East - the zones are about the same as last year. Maps are available to view on the

website. Off-shore spraying will begin on Monday. DNR permits are only good through May 24th so hopefully the weather cooperates. Our cost for off-shore will be approximately \$63,000.

P. Flom stated we will have election of officers at our annual meeting. There are 6 board members whose terms are up and all have agreed to run again. Procedurally, at the meeting if there is a floor nomination, we will have printed ballots available. If there are no floor nominations we will ask for vote to be approved by acclamation. Pete also reported he received a phone call from Shamus McLaughlin who is a freelance reporter for the Star Tribune. He is doing a report on the 50th anniversary of bird island on West Rush. This was one of the first bird sanctuaries to be named in the state. His article on “why the birds have left” was published in Friday’s paper. Pete discussed our distribution of funds/donations at our June meeting. If we have a surplus, we will once again consider donating back to the association to keep the money within. Discussion on the possibility of purchasing or building different types of bird houses and give to members to enhance the quality of the lake.

A motion to adjourn was made by G.Reilly, seconded by D.Foerster. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer