

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
July 20, 2019
8:30 a.m.

The July Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on July 20, 2019 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Pete Flom, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheski, 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 @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the June 15, 2019 meeting. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by P. Ward, to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2019 meeting. Approved. S. Griffin reviewed the June Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$35,945.03; Total Deposits \$590.00; Total Disbursements - \$1,981.57; Reconciled checking account balance as of June 30, 2019 - \$34,553.46. Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$1,182.93. Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by J. Flom to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$65,437.00; Total Tax - \$24,177.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$22,866.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$78,107.29. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$136,939.97. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$344,554.52. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$325,396.52. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$123,036.97. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Foerster, seconded by R. Rogosheski. 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 R. Ronning, seconded by D. Foerster. Approved. Ron stated that Larry would like an additional \$3,000 to purchase more buoy lights. Discussion followed. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Picha to approve the expenditure of \$3,000 for buoy lights. Approved. Ron reported that the Cambridge American Legion Women's Auxiliary is turning in their gambling license effective July 31. They were currently running Bingo at Sidelines and the customers at Sidelines want Bingo to continue. Discussion followed. Ron stated the women who work for the legion will continue to run it, but will have to become our employees which will increase our payroll. Ron also reported that Brass Rail contacted him and asked if RLIA wanted to take over Bingo there due to the Cambridge American Legion Women's Auxiliary turning in their license. Ron suggested they contact the Sno Bugs to see if they are interested. Ron has not given him an answer yet. One other thing we need to do for the MN Revenue is have a certified cash count and inventory of our sites. P. Flom and R. Ronning volunteered to help with this. Donations were then discussed. We have consistently been asked by Nessel Town Hall for a donation to purchase a defibrillator. Ron noted that if we want to assist in purchasing a machine with our donation, we can't say what it should be used for. Discussion followed. Motion was made by B. Shaw, seconded by R. Rogosheski, to approve the board to spend up to \$2,000 toward the purchase of a defibrillator. Approved. Discussion was then held on making another donation to ourselves. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by T. Fairclough to donate \$30,000 to RLIA general fund. Approved

Miscellaneous: G. Tschida gave a recap on both on-shore and off-shore weed spraying. Total expense was \$84,350. Greg stated that if we didn't have gambling, we would have to raise the dues to cover this expense. This would raise dues to approximately \$350 per year per homeowner. Greg said we are looking for feedback from homeowners regarding their on-shore provider.

Grant Allen Scholarship: R. Rogosheski introduced our 3rd \$1,000 Grant Allen Scholarship winner - Ben Schommer who recently graduated from Cambridge/Isanti High School. Ben has been involved with "Let's Go Fishing" and has thoroughly enjoyed all of his trips and the opportunity that it gives. Last year he started a high school fishing team in Cambridge which includes 65 members. Congratulations Ben!

R. Eiden stated he would like to give his employees a raise. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Ward, seconded by J. Flom to approve \$3,000 to be distributed amongst the employees for this year. Approved.

D. Foerster stated we have another 10 “No Wake Zone” banners. Dennis has worked with the Chisago County Sheriff’s Office on this project.

R. Rogosheske said the transition will be completed today to switch over to the new website. Ron thanked Bob Shaw for his dedicated work since 2012 on the website.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Foerster, seconded by J. Flom. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer