

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
March 20, 2021
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on March 20, 2021 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present and/or via zoom: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Steve Stauff, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 7 Association members present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Motion was made by B. Green, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the agenda. Approved. Members reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2021 meeting. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2021 meeting. Approved. The February Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$60,970.66; Total Deposits \$13,827.00; Total Disbursements - \$1,826.75; Reconciled checking account balance as of February 28, 2021 - \$72,970.91. Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$1,185.14. Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by D. Ashlin to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$77,411.00; Total Tax – \$28,774.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$22,114.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – \$25,690.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$131,482.21. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$254,153.51. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$251,311.05. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$133,483/85. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by M. Anderson, seconded by L. Steeves. Approved. Total to be approved for March - \$72,000.00. Motion by P. Flom, seconded by S. Stauff to approve all expenses. Approved. Ron stated that because we got approved for the PPP Loan, technically payroll will be zero this month and last month. R. Eiden reported that approximately 65 people attended the February "party on the lake." He also reported that Sidelines was the #1 pull-tab site in the State last month and Grumpy Minnow has become a very respectable site also. R. Eiden stated that we had a shortage issue this month at Grumpy Minnow but does not believe it's due to stealing. Discussion followed. Consensus: The board feels we should make up this shortage of \$461 to Grumpy Minnow as we did one time for Sidelines. This will come out of the general fund. Ron will take the money and re-do the games with the shortage to make them right.

Ron presented a letter from the City of Rush City regarding Rush City Clean-Up Day and stated that last year we gave a \$500 donation. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. Manders to donate \$500 to Rush City Clean-Up Day. Approved. Ron is also getting asked about resuming Bingo at Sidelines. If Sidelines wants it, then we will start back up. Staff at Sidelines really doesn't want Bingo because of how busy they are. Regarding the gambling fund – Ron feels we could probably still have a profit at the end of July (year-end).

Miscellaneous: D. O'Brien gave an update on the Grant Allen Scholarship as Ron Rogosheske was unable to attend the meeting. Per Ron, he has only received 9 applications so far and out of those, we pick 3 winners. Ron will be sending out the applications to the board for their review and rating. He will need these returned by the end of April.

G. Tschida stated he signed an agreement with PLM (Professional Lake Management) to do the lake management this year. First they want to treat the curlyleaf pondweed. Same zones as last year – 60 acres on West Rush Lake and 40 acres on East Rush Lake. Two years ago we did the delineation on clpw – this would cost approximately \$70,000. Greg stated that permits are in place and will be treated when ice is out and water temperature is at 50 degrees. We applied for a grant from the DNR for \$5,000 which would apply to our cost. He reported that last year we made a considerable effort to treat milfoil. This summer we will see how effective the treatment was. As an association, we are very fortunate to have the funds to do this. He stated that last year we spent \$300,000 on improving the lake.

D. O'Brien discussed the phosphorus. He has talked to the County and was told Rush Lake is on the list to do water quality testing. The County has a meeting this week to discuss their plan and which lakes. According to PLM, they feel it's great to get the County on board. Discussion followed regarding a donation to the County. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by R. Eiden to spend up to \$10,000 if we get it. Approved. Doug said the County has designated 11 trouble spots on the lake, but as of now, we don't have homeowner names.

Discussion was held regarding our Annual Meeting in June – the date would be June 19th. Ron stated that Sidelines will cater. Sue will put this date on the next RLIA Postcard.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Anderson, seconded by P. Flom. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer