

Rush Lake Improvement Association
ANNUAL MEETING
June 19, 2021
10:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on June 19, 2021 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Brenda Green, Pete Flom, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 72 Association members and 14 guests were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all to our Annual Meeting. Members reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2021 meeting. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Green to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2021 meeting. Approved. The May Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$62,163.10; Total Deposits \$40.00; Total Disbursements - \$4,833.17; Reconciled checking account balance as of May 31, 2021 - \$57,369.93. Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by L. Steeves to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$104,283.00; Total Tax - \$38,634.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$35,782.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$(21,500.60); Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$1169,890.18. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$297,413.82. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$293,647.06. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$192,037.96. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by T. Muellner, Jr., seconded by L. Steeves. Approved. Total to be approved for May - \$72,000.00. Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by J. Flom to approve all expenses. Approved. Ron explained our fiscal year runs from August 1 - July 31st. He stated to date our sales are \$6,564,538 and that is even with being closed down for 2 months. Currently we are \$30,033 down right now, but Ron feels we will probably end up with a profit the way things are going.

G. Tschida gave an update on weed control. CLPW spraying was done on May 5th by Lake Restoration under the direction of PLM. Treated less acres than in prior years. Last year we did 60 acres on west - this year 38 acres. Last year we did 40 acres on east - this year 26 acres. Greg said maps are available for what we have treated as well as posting to our website. He said we are charged by the gallon. Total of 673 gallons of aquathol - \$8.00 each. \$54,340 for treating clpw this year as opposed to prior years of around \$70,000. Greg said it has been 3 years since we entered into a partnership with PLM (Professional Lake Management). According to the DNR, we are allowed to treat 25% of the lake. Last year there was considerable milfoil and we treated 182 acres. We will again do a delineation this year to see how effective this treatment was. So last year we spent \$180,000 on weed treatments and this year we spent another \$56,000.

R. Rogosheske gave a background on the Grant Allen Scholarship explaining how the Grant Allen law was created back in 2005. He stated that 80% of fatalities occur because a child was not wearing a life jacket. He introduced the 3 winners as follows and presented them with their scholarships: Mitchell Mell - Rush City High School; Aiden Reilly - Circle Pines High School and Ellie White - Rush City High School. Congratulations Mitchell, Aiden and Ellie!

R. Eiden stated a donation request was received from Let's Go Fishing. K. Koroschetz explained the request and gave a background on the program. Motion was made by R. Rogosheske, seconded by B. Picha to approve a \$2,500 donation to Let's Go Fishing.. Approved. Ron also thanked Peggy Ward and Delores Eiden for their continued help with pull-tabs.

D. O'Brien stated we are looking for long term effects with future lake plans and testing. We are working with the county to do water quality testing - this will be a long term project. Doug also reported that RLIA donated to the fireworks at Flickabirds which will be held on Friday, July 2nd.

Board of Directors Election: D. O'Brien read the list of Board members whose term is up as follows: Brenda Green, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Steve Stauff, Greg Tschida and Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer. All have agreed to continue on the board. Discussion. R. Eiden made a motion, seconded by D. Foerster, for a white ballot. All in favor.

Door prizes were handed out followed by lunch. Thank you to Sidelines Bar & Grill for catering our annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. Lunch was served, followed by the turtle race!

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer