

Rush Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting
May 15, 2021
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on May 15, 2021 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 18 Association members present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the April 17, 2021 meeting. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. Foerster to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2021 meeting. Approved. The April Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$66,792.79; Total Deposits \$2,097.23; Total Disbursements - \$6,726.92; Reconciled checking account balance as of April 30, 2021 - \$62,163.10 Grant Allen Scholarship Account - \$0.00 (balance was transferred into the general fund). Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Picha to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$89,942.00; Total Tax - \$33,395.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$36,359.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$20,188.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$196,382.61. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$314,253.16. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$309,908.44. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$192,037.96. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Foerster, seconded by D. Manders. Approved. Total to be approved for April - \$72,000.00. Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by E. Spangler to approve all expenses. Approved. Ron discussed a recent problem at Grumpy Minnow regarding closing games which resulted in one employee being let go. Discussion followed. He asked Ron Nelson at Sidelines to talk to his bartenders about helping out. It was decided that 3 of the bartenders from Sidelines will work around their own schedule to close games at Grumpy Minnow. They will become part-time RLIA employees. Discussion followed. It was decided for now, we will move ahead with this plan.

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. In August, PLM will do another delineation to see where we are at with the milfoil.

D. O'Brien said last month he discussed a new on-shore company that would be available for homeowners. We had 15 to 20 people that will use the new company this year. Homeowners need to contact them directly. Doug also stated that we are limited by the DNR as far as how much you can do and how far out you can go. Discussion followed. Doug reminded members that our annual meeting will be next month (Sat., June 19th) which will include a general membership picnic. Meeting will start at 10:00 - approval of minutes, board election and presentation of Grant Allen Scholarships. Lunch will be served at 11:00 which will include hamburgers, potato salad, coleslaw/condiments. After discussion, it was decided to once again hold the kids turtle race. Sue will include this information on the postcard. Peggy will set up on Friday at 2:00.

R. Rogosheske gave an update on the scholarship and thanked all the readers. The 3 winners are Mitchell Mell, Aiden Reilly and Ellie White. The scholarships will be presented at the June meeting.

D. O'Brien reviewed the list of donation requests as follows: 1) Foot Loose 2021 - Cambridge High School All Night Party. 2) Cambridge Schools - Ron Nelson of Sidelines was approached by K-8. Money teachers would get for supplies has been taken away from them. Sidelines is donating \$1,000 and he asked if RLIA would donate \$1,000 as well, however, they don't want the money before July. 3) Chisago County Fair Children's Day.

4) Let's Go Fishing (Kurt will check on this). Motion was made to approve \$500 out of the general fund for the senior all night party by D. Foerster, seconded by P. Flom. Approved. Motion made to approve the matching donation of \$1,000 for Cambridge Schools by D. Manders, seconded by B. Picha. Discussion. Approved. Motion to donate up to \$1,000 for the Chisago County Fair Children's Day by D. Foerster, seconded by R. Rogosheske. Approved. Discussion was held regarding making a donation to Nessel Township. Doug stated they would have to go online and make the request. Greg stated we will also be receiving \$5,000 from the State grant which will be deposited into the general fund. Discussion.

D. O'Brien stated he has not heard anything back from the County regarding algae/hotspots on the lake. We will hold on this issue until we hear something from the County.

R. Ronning asked about purchasing a print from Steve Rossi for the annual meeting. Discussion – all agreed.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Picha. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer