

Rush Lake Improvement Association
GENERAL MEETING
September 18, 2021
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on September 18, 2021 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Brenda Green, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 23 Association members were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Agenda was reviewed –one item added – Greg will give update on weeds. Members reviewed the minutes of the August 21, 2021 general meeting. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2021 meeting. Approved. The August Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$105,532.44; Total Deposits \$60.00 – dues; Total Disbursements - \$402.86; Reconciled checking account balance as of August 31, 2021 - \$105,189.58. Motion by R. Rogosheske, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$104,445.00; Total Tax – \$35,066.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$45,613.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – \$22,266.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$218,540.62. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$336,502.69. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$328,748.97. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$210,786.90. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Picha. Approved. Total to be approved - \$72,000.00. Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Picha to approve all expenses. Approved. Ron reported that things are slowing down in the bar business – we will probably be down at the end of the month.

D. O'Brien discussed the low water levels at the boat landings. People are having to bring their boats further into the lake as it drops off 12 inches at the concrete (bottom of ramp) on both East and West lake. Discussion followed.. Doug stated the DNR said they will put us on their list.

R. Rogosheske stated that we have had discussion regarding our Grant Allen Scholarship program. He is suggesting we raise the amount to \$2,000 and give away 3 scholarships instead of the two scholarships we are currently doing. Discussion followed on other ways that would include more students. He said in the past we have discussed an outdoor environmental classroom – this suggestion would have to be discussed with local school boards. R. Eiden stated that when we donate, we earmark that money, but once we give it to them, they can do whatever they want with that donation. Discussion. It was suggested that Ron Rogosheske go to the schools and say we have X amount of dollars and ask what they could do with it pertaining to environmental issues. D. O'Brien suggested talking to the schools to see if they have any programs that we could help with or any ideas. Ron will find out what the schools would recommend related to the environment and its quality. A motion was made by T. Muellner, Jr., seconded by G. Tschida, that we stay with the 3 - \$1,000 scholarships at this time and as we see what the year is going to be like, we can either raise the amount or give more. Approved.

Regarding weed spraying, G. Tschida stated we have made considerable improvement last year in addressing the milfoil issue. We spent \$180,000 to treat milfoil in both lakes – preliminary work shows 98% successful. PLM will finish the delineation to find out just how successful that was. Greg said it had been 10 years since we had treated the milfoil. Greg also reported that he had people from Chisago County out to look at a small area that sits on the side of the road where there is a culvert. They said there is fragmite in there which is a new invasive weed that is very prevalent in Chisago County and we will need to watch this. Information on how to identify this shoreline weed will be available on our website.

D. O'Brien said we are setting up a meeting with the County to go over the plans they have for the lake and as well as our suggestions that we have for the lake. There are different programs available. He stated we still need to get the lake tested for phosphorus and algae. The county has some money available to do a shared expense with them.

Doug reported that our Christmas Brunch will be the 2nd Saturday in December – December 11th, 2021. Our meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. followed by Brunch at 9:00.

R. Eiden said we are in the process of our audit, but haven't heard anything yet. Ron feels we will likely be taxed on approximately \$50,000.

Motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by D. Foerster to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer