

**Rush Lake Improvement Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**November 20, 2021**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on November 20, 2021 at the Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Brenda Green, Doug O'Brien, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 15 Association members were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the October 16, 2021 general meeting. Motion was made by B. Green, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2021 meeting. Approved. The October Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$103,973.72; Total Deposits \$160.00 – dues; Total Disbursements - \$460.99; Reconciled checking account balance as of October 31, 2021 - \$103,672.73. Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by L. Steeves to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$96,755.00; Total Tax – \$35,904.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$34,888.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – \$22,865.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$245,321.62. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$372,662.76. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$363,426.61. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$245,620.47. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Foerster, seconded by S. Pape. Approved. Total to be approved - \$72,000.00. Motion by B. Green, seconded by M Anderson to approve all expenses. Approved. Ron reviewed the annual report – if anyone wants to look at it you can just go on the State Gambling website. He stated that out of all the gambling organizations, the average spent on money brought in to run the business is 47%. We have consistently run ours at 42% thanks to Delores Eiden, Margaret Ward and Ron Eiden. Their pay has not been increased for the last 5 years. He reported we are making almost one million dollars in gross – which is up 50% from 2 years ago. Ron proposed to the board that we look at a profit sharing bonus at the end of June and again at Christmas time where each employee would get a \$2,000 bonus. Discussion was held regarding a set amount for the bonus or based on a percentage. Discussion followed. A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by R. Ronning, to approve a \$2,000 bonus evaluated twice a year in July and December. Discussion. Approved.

Ron reported that our audit is complete and we don't have to send any money to the government this year. The audit shows a \$22,000 loss for the year which gets carried over into next year. He also stated we are most likely going to put E-tabs in at Grumpy Minnow with no cost up front to us. Everyone who touches the machine has to go through training. Discussion followed.

D. O'Brien discussed donations to both the Rush City Food Shelf and Cambridge Food Shelf. A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by Peggy Ward to donate \$1,000 to each. Approved. Doug stated we had a donation request from the Braham Elementary Parent Organization to construct an outdoor shelter by the school. Discussion followed. It was decided to table this for now as we are waiting to hear back from Ron Rogosheske on his visit with the local schools regarding donations.

Doug reminded everyone of our upcoming Christmas Brunch on Sat., December 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m., meeting at 8:30 followed by brunch at 9:00.

Doug and Greg had a meeting with the County Watershed District to discuss treatment for algae. The County had a meeting with the watershed district about which lake will be on the top tier for testing and proposed treatment. West Rush is in the top tier – East Rush and Little Lake are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier. For the second round, we need to have our application in by December 15<sup>th</sup> for the funding. We have a quote of \$8,000 for both lakes and have allotted

\$10,000 for this - the County will probably pay for part of this also. After that, they will look at internal and external loading and see if we are a candidate for treatment. Doug will have more details at our next meeting. Doug also discussed whether or not we will hold a party on the lake again in February. Discussion followed. It was decided to table this for now.

Motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by P. Ward to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer