

Rush Lake Improvement Association
GENERAL MEETING
February 19, 2022
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on February 19, 2022 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 14 Association members were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the January 15, 2022 general meeting. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2022 meeting. Approved. The January Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$106,097.04; Total Deposits \$600.00; Total Disbursements - \$528.12; Reconciled checking account balance as of 1/31/22 - \$106,168.92. Motion by L. Steeves, seconded by P. Flom to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$112,229.00; Total Tax – \$41,595.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$31,847.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – \$31,014.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$313,756.14. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$435,847.40. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$431,018.49. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$310,948.23. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by M. Anderson, seconded by S. Schneider. Approved. Total to be approved - \$72,000.00. Discussion followed regarding raising the amounts on taxes and rent. After discussion, a motion was made by P. Flom to raise the "To Be Approved" amounts as follows: Compensation & Pay Tax - \$8,000; Rent – increase to \$30,000; Miscellaneous - \$4,000; Tabs & Tax – increase to \$55,000. Seconded by D. Manders. Approved. Ron said when the weather clears, we need to clean out one of the storage units. He will bring the pull-tabs to Don & Vi Belland as he has done in the past and they will burn them. He would like to pay Don and Vi \$1,000 for destroying the pull-tabs. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by P. Mattson to approve this \$1,000 expense. Approved.

D. O'Brien said we have received the following donation requests: Flickabirds (for fireworks) - \$4,000; Chisago County Kids Day - \$1,000; and Let's Go Fishing - \$5,000. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by T. Parks, to approve the donation requests. Approved. Doug stated we also have one other donation request which he will bring to the next meeting. Flickabirds donation can be paid out of the general fund; the others would come out of the gambling fund.

P. Flom discussed our current Grant Allen Scholarship. He would like to raise the amount of the scholarship and also have it listed under "Rush Lake Improvement Association Scholarship" rather than Grant Allen Scholarship. He suggested to form a group which will set criteria for the application with more of a structure rather than just an essay. Discussion followed. This will all be determined at a later date with changes taking effect in 2023.

D. O'Brien stated that we have been working with the County for testing the water quality of the lake, but have been turned down for the funding. Discussion followed. Doug said Eutro Phix is working on general numbers of what it would cost and we hope to have the guidelines at our next meeting. Doug also reported he received an anonymous phone call from someone on the lake regarding a new device – LG Sonic is a device that puts out soundwaves to control algae blooms in large water surfaces. LG Sonic is a leader in sustainable algae management with headquarters in the Netherlands and offices around the world. Doug will check into this further and report at a future meeting.

G. Tschida stated we have applied and our application has been accepted for a grant from the DNR for treating curlyleaf pondweed. He also reported we renewed our project management agreement with PLM - there is no cost to us unless we use them. Discussion followed regarding offering a \$200 credit for onshore treatment as we have done in the past. The property owner will have to go through PLM, Lake Restoration, Midwest Aqua Care or an approved provider. This is a benefit we are offering to our members, but because it is an individual contract between the provider and the homeowner, we do not have any control. A postcard will be sent out soon to all members with this information. Discussion followed. A motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. Ashlin, that we approve up to \$25,000 to cover this cost. Approved.

Doug stated we will not do our normal lake clean-up as members and homeowners have been cleaning up the lake the last couple of years. It was mentioned about a pile of garbage bags at the landing – Doug talked to the DNR and the bags have now been picked up.

L. Steeves discussed channel maintenance. He will talk to the Dive Guys and see if they will walk through the channel and pick up any debris on the bottom of the channel.

Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by L. Steeves to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9.10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer