

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

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on March 19, 2022 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Ron Rogosheske, Gary Reilly, Steve Stauff, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 28 Association members were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. Members reviewed the minutes of the February 19, 2022 general meeting. Motion was made by S. Stauff, seconded by D. Manders to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2022 meeting. Approved. The February Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$106,168.92; Total Deposits \$667.39; Total Disbursements - \$4,299.10; Reconciled checking account balance as of 2/28/22 - \$102,537.21. Motion by L. Steeves, seconded by R. Rogosheske to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$94,048.00; Total Tax – \$34,895.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$44,455.30; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – \$8,697.70; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$316,513.59. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$436,603.85. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$433,014.09. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$312,925.83. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by G. Reilly, seconded by P. Flom. Approved. Total to be approved for April - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by G. Reilly, seconded by B. Picha to approve expenses. Approved. After expenses, taxes, etc., we are \$126,000 ahead. Discussion on making a donation to ourselves. Motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by G. Reilly to donate \$10,000 from the gambling fund to the general fund. Approved. Last month we approved the following donations: Let's Go Fishing, Chisago County Fair and Rush City Food Shelf. Ron said he received 3 very nice thank you letters for these donations which has never happened before. He reported that e-tabs were installed at Sidelines – they now have 2 tv's and 12 tablets. Grumpy Minnow paper sales are up 30% and in the week that e-tabs were installed, paper sales haven't gone down at all. So far, this has been positive. Ron stated that whatever we bring in for bingo, that we pay out 70% and we get roughly 30% from both. But then half of that goes back so we actually make about 15%. The bar owner gets 20% on paper pull-tabs.

G. Tschida reported that we are in line for a \$7,500 grant from the State for clpw treatment. At our February meeting we approved a \$200 credit for onshore/dockside weed treatment to qualified homeowners using one of the 3 RLIA approved licensed services (Lake Restoration, Midwest Aqua Care, PLM). We will also approve using Dive Guys if the homeowner asks. In the areas we have treated in the past, we are noticing that the clpw is declining each year. We will do another survey later in the year to keep monitoring the milfoil situation.

D. O'Brien said we will have board elections at our annual meeting in June. The following board members' terms are up: Doug O'Brien, Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Bill Picha and Larry Steeves. Anyone who is interested in running should contact Doug O'Brien. Annual meeting plans will be discussed in April. He reported that we received a donation request from the Braham Elementary Parent Organization. Tina Heidelberger with the organization was present and gave a background for the request. She stated that grades 4 – 12 are now at the Braham High School. The plan is to build a picnic shelter area so teachers can also use as an outdoor classroom with tables, garbage cans, etc. Discussion followed. Motion was made by D. Manders, seconded by R. Rogosheske to approve a \$2,000 donation to the Braham Elementary Parent Organization. Approved. Doug discussed the City of Rush City Clean-Up Day donation request. Discussion was held. Sue will check with the City on the requirements as to whether or not you have to live in the city limits in order to

bring items to clean-up day. Regarding lake clean-up – Doug reported that the DNR picked up all the bags. The County has asked us if we can help them with getting garbage cans on lake accesses (local sanitation companies would donate the cans). Doug said we have to contact the DNR to see if they will allow it. Doug stated we had a discussion with PLM this morning about phosphorous, algae and possible treatment and testing. We did not get the grant from the County so we will look at how we can do this on our own. We will start some testing and then go to the County with our plan to get approval. PLM wants to test the sediments in 3 different areas – the cost would be approximately \$8,000 - \$9,000. We would need to get approval for up to \$10,000 for doing this test. This would be done the first month after ice out. Discussion followed. Motion was made by G. Tschida, seconded by M. Anderson to spend up to \$12,000 with PLM for phosphorous testing. Discussion. Approved. A question was asked about the issues at the boat landings due to low water levels. Doug said we can bring it up again to the DNR, but it is all up to them.

Motion was made by R. Rogosheske, seconded by P. Flom to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9.15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer