

Rush Lake Improvement Association
GENERAL MEETING
April 16, 2022
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on April 16, 2022 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 21 Association members were present. Guests: Camden Droppo and Susanna Wilson Witowski representing the Chisago County/Chisago Lakes Improvement District.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. and introduced our guests, Camden Droppo and Susanna Wilson Witowski giving an update from the county on zebra mussels and the AIS Program. They presented a power point presentation of the 2021 Water Resources Annual Report on the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District. This report included lake level monitoring, carp population surveys, aquatic plant point-intercept surveys, aquatic invasive species treatment, stormwater management practices, etc. and Chisago County water quality monitoring lakes. This report will be available on our website.

Members reviewed the minutes of the March 19, 2022 general meeting. Motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by G. Reilly to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2022 meeting. Approved. The March Treasurer's Report as follows: Beginning Balance - \$102,537.21; Total Deposits \$11,910.00; Total Disbursements - \$650.92; Reconciled checking account balance as of 3/31/22 - \$113,796.29. Motion by B. Picha, seconded by D. Manders to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$115,124.00; Total Tax – \$42,621.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$45,073.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – \$15,430.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$345,497.16. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$469,896.44. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$456,194.18. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$331,799.90. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by S. Nelson, seconded by L. Steeves. Approved. Total to be approved for May - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by G. Reilly, seconded by D. Manders to approve expenses. Approved. Ron gave the following report: As of 3/31/22, we had \$7,351,000 sales; \$936,894 receipts, \$349,502 expenses; \$585,427 lawful purpose. Right now we show a profit of \$141,534. Ron feels we will probably reach \$12million in sales (we are up in sales from last year at this time). By the end of July we will decide on donating to ourselves and other bills/donations. He reviewed the electronic pull-tabs. At Grumpy Minnow – 20% of the sales has been electronics. 30% goes to the lake association and of that 30%, half goes to the bar owners. Maximum tablets that Grumpy Minnow can have is 6 – they currently have 5. Sidelines has 12 tablets (maximum number goes by their seating capacity).

G. Tschida gave an update on weed spraying, etc. He reported that we have reinstated the \$200 credit to any current paid member who signs up for onshore treatment. When members get their invoice, they are to make sure they received the \$200 credit from the provider as we cannot issue the credit. Greg stated we will again treat clpw once the water temperature is 50 degrees. Our total acreage that we are treating is decreasing each year due to progress. PLM will look at the lake again for milfoil and if there is enough, they will come and treat in the fall.

D. O'Brien said we received a donation request from Rush City Clean-Up Day. L. Steeves made a motion to donate \$1,000 – discussion followed. R. Ronning seconded the motion. Approved. Doug stated we are in the process of planning our June annual meeting - Sidelines will again do the catering. Pete Flom is looking into a traveling petting zoo and proposes that we have them come to the annual meeting at a cost of \$500 - \$750 for

2 hours. We don't know yet if they have June 18th available - Pete is checking on this. Motion was made by S. Nelson, seconded by D. Manders to approve up to \$750 for the traveling petting zoo. Approved. More information on the annual meeting will be presented at our May meeting. At the annual meeting we will also have drawings for gift certificates and other door prizes, including a photograph from Steve Rossi. And of course, the kids turtle race after the meeting.

Doug discussed the water quality testing of the lake by PLM and the \$10,000 we have committed to this project. They will do some testing on west and east in the spring, summer and fall. PLM will then come up with a plan of what we can do to treat the lake for phosphorous (if anything) and then secure permits for all recommendations. This could be a 10 year plan but we are getting started on it. Discussion on talking to the DNR about crappie limits in the winter. Now that this has been mentioned, they will take a look at it. Next year they will net on west and come up with a report and decide if they should reduce the limit. Doug stated we are in the upper 75% of size and quantity for crappies. L. Steeves stated that all buoys will be out soon.

Question was asked regarding names of someone who could help with putting docks in. Doug explained that last year Ron Rogosheske had some high school kids help with docks and also do weed pulling in the summer. It is up to the individual to pay those who help.

Question was asked about repairing the boat launches. Doug said that is up to the DNR, but hopefully the situation will be better this summer because the water level is up. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by S. Nelson seconded by G. Reilly to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9.30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer