

Rush Lake Improvement Association
ANNUAL MEETING
June 18, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on June 18, 2022 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Ron Rogosheske, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 63 Association members and 40 guests were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 10:00 a.m. and introduced the board members. Doug also said a special thank you to Sidelines Bar & Grill and Grumpy Minnow for everything they do for us with the gambling. Members reviewed the minutes of the May 21, 2022 general meeting. A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by R. Rogosheske to dispense with the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report. Approved. The May Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$112,911.12; Total Deposits \$320.00; Total Disbursements - \$3,720.11; Reconciled checking account balance as of 5/31/22 - \$109,511.01. All Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$108,859.00; Total Tax - \$40,289.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$52,420.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - (\$77,008.50); Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$362,246.15. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$492,815.29. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$390,702.68. Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$268,247.78. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Green. Approved. Total to be approved for July - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by B. Picha, seconded by M. Anderson to approve expenses. Approved. Motion to approve \$750.00 for our gambling license was made by P. Brand, seconded by R. Rogosheske. Approved. Ron thanked Delores Eiden and Peggy Ward for all their hard work with pull-tabs. He reported year-to-date figures as follows: Sales - \$9,052,117.00; Gross - \$1,031,824.00. We pay back 83% to 85% of what comes in - we are taxed on the nine million.

D. O'Brien reported on general information: 1) Fireworks at Flickabirds will be on Sunday, July 3rd; 2) we are still in a no-wake zone on the lake - no wake within 300' of the shoreline. Projects we have going on: 1) Weed Control - on May 23rd, 115.8 acres were treated for clpw. 77 members have signed up for on-shore treatment. We will continue to monitor milfoil - a few years ago we treated and got about 70% of the milfoil. We will spend over \$100,000 on weed control. 2) We have hired PLM to do water quality testing. This will be done in July or August and again in September or October. They will check the sediment all the way down looking at the phosphorus and start treating next year. There are different types of treatment - Phoslock (a mineral put into the lake that traps); aeration; alum, ultrasound system (a unit run by solar that is supposed to kill the phosphorus that is growing. Once we get the sediment test done, we will come up with a plan. 3) Leslie George from the DNR will be at our July meeting to give a presentation on the lake, i.e., water quality, fish limits, dams.

R. Rogosheske gave a background on the Grant Allen Scholarship Award honoring the memory of a young life lost on our lake May 24, 2003 who was 5 years old at the time. Ron gave the following statistics: This past year there were 767 fatalities; 75% of boat accidents result in drowning; 86% of those who drowned were because of not wearing a life jacket; and 2/3 people who have drowned knew how to swim. Ron thanked all those who were involved in passing the life jacket bill back in 2005. He also thanked all those who helped review the scholarship applications. Ron then showed a video of this year's recipient, Gretta Lundquist giving a very heartfelt thank you to RLIA for the scholarship. Gretta will be attending St. Olaf College and majoring in biology. Congratulations Gretta!

Doug introduced Ron Nelson, owner of Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill and thanked him for catering our lunch today.

Board of Election: The following board members' terms are up and all have agreed to have their name on the ballot: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha and Larry Steeves. After discussion, a motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. Foerster to approve the ballot by affirmation. Approved.

Question was asked if other lake associations are on the scale of ours and also thanking the board for all their work. Thank you to P. Flom for arranging the Little Traveling Zoo and the Harris Fire Department to be at our meeting today and to B. Picha for organizing the turtle races. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by P. Brand to donate \$500 to the Harris Fire Department. Approved.

Motion was made by J. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The drawing was held for 18 gift cards and 2 art pieces.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer