

**Rush Lake Improvement Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 17, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on September 17, 2022 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Doug O'Brien, Gary Reilly, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida. Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 20 Association members and one guest were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. with roll call of board members. Members reviewed the minutes of the August 20, 2022 general meeting. A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by R. Ronning to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2022 meeting. Approved. The August Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$105,003.69; Total Deposits \$40.00; Total Disbursements - \$429.95; Reconciled checking account balance as of 8/31/22 - \$104,622.74. Motion by D. Foerster, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Approved.

R. Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$119,090.00; Total Tax - \$35,440.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$47,416.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$33,984; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$281,656.39. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$456,808.91. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$448,466.26; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$276,218.97. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by G. Reilly, seconded by G. Tschida. Approved. Total to be approved for October - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by M. Anderson to approve expenses. Approved. Ron reported the annual gambling convention will take in November and he is planning to attend this year. He also discussed end of year bonuses for gambling employees and he is proposing a total of \$7,500 to be given in December (3 employees at \$2,500 each.) Discussion followed. Motion was made by R. Ronning, seconded by P. Flom to approve \$7,500 for year end bonuses. Approved. Ron also stated that a \$5.00 box was recently put in at Grumpy Minnow.

D. O'Brien reported that a channel cleaning company came in and cleaned all the debris off the bottom of the channel. Discussion. Motion was made by R. Ronning, seconded by G. Reilly, to approve up to \$2,000 for this cost. Approved. Doug discussed the possibility of purchasing a portable winch. Discussion followed. Motion was made by G. Tschida, seconded by R. Eiden to approve up to \$2,000 for the cost of the winch. Approved. It was suggested to check at Harbor Freight. Doug stated that we received a donation request from Union Sportsmen asking for no specific amount. They will be having an ice fishing event for handicapped and underprivileged kids in March of 2023 at Flickabirds. Last year 100 kids participated in the event and it cost approximately \$7,500. Discussion followed. Motion was made by G. Tschida, seconded by R. Eiden to make a donation of \$2,500 for this event. Approved. A donation request from Rush City Schools Athletic Department was received. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson to make a donation of \$2,500 to Rush City Schools. Approved.

G. Tschida gave an update on the weed spraying - we treated 115 acres for clpw at a cost of \$89,000. There was a cost increase over the last year because of the rising cost of herbicides. We also reinstated the credit for onshore treatment - there were 89 homeowners who participated in this @ \$17,000 for a total of \$108,000 for the year.

Doug discussed the recent proposal we received from Eutrophix on treating the lake for phosphorous and algae and that PLM had done samples of water testing. They will be here in November to continue this process. There are 3 programs to review for treating West Rush Lake only. Two (2) year plan would cost \$3,716,000 of which we would look at getting grants, etc. to help with this cost. Ten (10) year plan would cost \$743,000 for

the first year - \$371,000 after for 10 years. Maintenance Plan would cost \$297,000 first year and \$148,000 ongoing. This would improve the water quality and then every year you are trying to maintain it at that certain level. This treatment could be started next spring. More information at future meetings.

Doug welcomed back Dan Dahlberg who is currently running for Chisago County Commissioner. Dan attended our August meeting and reported that he was going to attend a workshop in Chisago City and said he would answer questions at our September meeting. He stated the lower St. Croix Valley watershed district is getting more involved and helping to plan funding. A question and answer session followed.

Motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by G. Reilly, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer