

**Rush Lake Improvement Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**January 21, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on January 21, 2023 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 18 Association members 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 December 10, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by R. Rogosheske seconded by B. Green to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2022 meeting. Approved. The December Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$99,466.43; Total Deposits \$39,532.26; Total Disbursements - \$2,961.75; Reconciled checking account balance as of 12/31/22 - \$136,036.94. Motion by L.Steeves, seconded by B. Picha to approve the December Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$104,443.00; Total Tax - \$38,690.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$55,965.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - (\$17,010.00); Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$261,839.96. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$446,778.87. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$12,043.28; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$258,338.45. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Manders, seconded by D. Ashlin. Approved. Total to be approved for December - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by D. Manders, seconded by G. Tschida to approve expenses. Approved. Discussion - motion was made by G. Reilly, seconded by D. Manders, to approve to pay the UBI tax - \$8,262 (State) and \$17,936 - (Federal). Approved. Motion was made by G. Tschida, seconded by R. Rogosheske, to approve the bill of \$858 for liability insurance for the officers. Approved. Motion was made by G. Reilly, seconded by G. Tschida to approve the bill to Gateway Signs for \$1,300. Approved. (This will be paid out of the Gambling Fund). Motion was made by R. Rogosheske, seconded by D. Manders to make a donation of \$5,000 to Let's Go Fishing. Approved. Motion was made by D. Ashlin, seconded by D. Manders, to make a donation of \$1,000 to the Rush City Food Shelf. Approved. Ron stated we will be starting a meat raffle at Grumpy Minnow on Sunday afternoons.

Ron discussed the ERC (Employee Retention Credit) tax refund. Through this, we were able to keep employees on the payroll during the shut-down. The Federal Government sent \$38,964.75 which was put into the General Fund per the gambling control board. Then we will take it out of our general fund and put into the gambling fund. Ron recommends that we take out the \$38,964.75 and donate to ourselves and put back into the general fund. Discussion followed. Motion was made by R. Rogosheske, seconded by G. Tschida to deposit the \$38,964.75 back into the general fund. Approved.

G. Tschida stated the board approved to offer the \$200 credit again for on-shore weed treatments. Discussion. Greg said PLM will make all the decisions on where and when we treat. He reported that every year we apply for a grant through the DNR if available which is normally anywhere from \$4,000 to \$5,000. We will get a grant for \$8,250. Motion was made by D. Manders, seconded by G. Reilly to again offer the \$200 credit for on-shore weed treatments. Approved.

D. O'Brien reported that he and G. Tschida attended the meeting last week with the County. According to the county, we are in an extremely favorable position due to our gambling. Other associations have to rely on membership dues and grants. The County has received a grant for \$250,000 from the State and they were asking us what was the best way to spend the money. Discussion was held. It was discussed that just lakes that have a public access should be eligible for the grant and then distribute evenly to each association. Doug said

we should have \$40,000 for invasive weed species. Doug reported that he received a call from the DNR and they are interested in doing wild rice at the south end of east Rush. If we are not interested, they will shut it down. As of right now, Doug feels we will turn it down. The DNR will attend a future meeting if we would like.

D. O'Brien stated we are still looking into the phosphorous treatment – the next step is try to secure shared funds from the Watershed District, State and Federal. Where there are inlets, we still need to address this topic. If you know of anyone on the inlets, the Watershed District has money available to help. Part of obtaining the permit is to get other things taken care of. Doug also reported that we are looking into hats and shirts and will have a sample available at the next meeting. A discussion on fragments on 3 locations on the lake (mostly on the shoreline). Doug said homeowners should contact the U of M and they will take care of it at no cost.

Motion was made by G. Reilly, seconded by D. Ashlin, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer