

**Rush Lake Improvement Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**February 18, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on February 18, 2023 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Ron Rogosheske, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 15 Association members were present.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. with roll call of board members. R. Rogosheske introduced members David & Lucy Kern. Members reviewed the minutes of the January 21, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by D. Manders to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2023 meeting. Approved. The January Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$136,036.94; Total Deposits \$1,500.00; Total Disbursements - \$39,513.85; Reconciled checking account balance as of 1/31/23 - \$98,023.09. Motion by B. Green, seconded by D. Manders to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$98,864.00; Total Tax - \$36,636.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$9,755.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$5,350.25; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$271,232.64. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$454,502.76. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$16,470.76; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$261,681.68. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by R. Rogosheske, seconded by D. Manders. Approved. Total to be approved for January - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by T. Muellner, Sr., to approve expenses. Approved. Ron reported we received a request for a donation from the Rush City Chamber of Commerce for the Chisago County Parade. Discussion followed. Motion was made by B. Green, seconded by R. Rogosheske, to approve a \$500 donation to the Rush City Chamber. Approved.

G. Tschida stated we will again be treating the curlyleaf pondweed this year, however, the cost of the herbicide has increased 30% to 40% from last year. PLM is working with the DNR on a replacement herbicide which would save us 50% of the cost. The water temperature has to be 50 degrees before we start spraying. We are again offering the credit for onshore/dockside treatment. This will be an agreement between the property owner and whichever company they choose to go with. He also stated that all the companies have to use the same herbicide.

D. O'Brien reported that at next month's meeting, we will have someone from the DNR talk to us about planting wild rice on the south end of east Rush Lake. We have told them we are not really interested but they would like to come and give a presentation. We will listen to them and then make a decision.

D. O'Brien - phosphorous treatment: Doug and Greg had a meeting with PLM and Eutrophix to discuss applying for funding. This is quite expensive so we need money coming in from another source. Doug also reported we are still working on inlets - any run-off we can stop will help. Steve Pape put together a proposal for the north end. The County is looking at it now and waiting for the permit.

L. Steeves stated that the DNR Fisheries Department has transferred Leslie George to Duluth. Larry said the DNR stocks walleyes and muskies every other year.

Loren Jennings was present to review the request from the Rush City Chamber of Commerce for a donation for the Chisago County Parade. Loren stated the cost to bring in some of the bigger units can be anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per unit. As an example - Pine City's parade costs approximately \$25,000 - Forest Lake's

parade is around \$40,000. Rush City spends about \$8,000 on the parade. This year he said all units have increased their prices about \$100. The parade will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00. With each unit costing approximately \$1,000 per unit – and our donation of \$500 – two organizations would share the same float.

A motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by D. Manders, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer