

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

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on March 18, 2023 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Larry Steeves, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 24 Association members were present and 2 guests.

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 February 18, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by R. Storck, seconded by G. Weissner to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2023 meeting. Approved. The February Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$98,023.09; Total Deposits \$380.00; Total Disbursements - \$488.39; Reconciled checking account balance as of 2/28/23 - \$97,914.70. Motion by B. Green, seconded by B. Picha to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$91,104.00; Total Tax - \$33,844.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$42,238.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$14,522.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$285,355.74. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$463,221.94. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$449,391.80; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$272,212.10. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by P. Flom., seconded by D. Manders. Approved. Total to be approved for January - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by D. Manders, seconded by L. Steeves., to approve expenses. Approved. Ron reported that the Grumpy Minnow Meat Raffle is going well. Opening new location for accounts discussed.

D. O'Brien reported we received a request for \$500 from the City of Rush City for the annual clean-up day. Motion to approve the \$500 donation to City of Rush City was made by P. Flom, seconded by S. Means. Approved. Doug also stated that Dan Dahlberg told him there is an opening on the board for the watershed district. He suggested it would be good to have someone from our association. Thank you to Brenda Green for volunteering for this position. Doug gave an update on weed control. We are approved for a different herbicide this year which will save us about \$50,000. We received a proposal from PLM and Eutrophix stating they are to go after money to do both lakes which would be \$7 million. They suggested that we start with the bay to show this does work and then go after more money. We will start with Little Lake which is a perfect area to try. So we are trying to get approval and funding and if we do, we will be the first lake in Minnesota. If all approvals are obtained, we have a grant from the DNR for \$8,000 already, a \$50,000 to \$70,000 saving on the rest of the weed control, and we are getting a grant from the county for \$35,000 to \$40,000 for weed control. We have \$93,000 to \$98,000 to pay for this already. We will have to maintain this every 2 to 3 years. Doug stated we are also looking for inlets for retaining ponds. Member Steve Pape put a proposal together. The county is on board with this and will look at his property in the spring. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by C. Kristufek, to spend up to \$140,000 for Little Lake if all permits go through. Approved. If we get all the permits, we will do this in the spring.

Discussion on demolition of pull tabs. It is noted that we have to hold these for 3 ½ years and then we have to destroy. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by R. Storck to pay up to \$2,500 to destroy pull tabs. Approved.

Introduction: Tim Marion - Area Wildlife Manager and Ann Geisen - Wildlife Lake Specialist then gave a presentation on a project proposal of seeding wild rice in Rush Lake and the benefits it would have. They are seeking approval from RLIA. Harvesting is limited to canoe traffic only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They

would like to know our decision by July if they are going to seed in the fall. They thanked RLIA for the opportunity to come and talk with us.

A motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by B. Picha, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer