

Rush Lake Improvement Association
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 20, 2023
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on May 20, 2023 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Riley, Ron Rogosheke, Larry Steeves, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 27 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 April 15, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by B. Green to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2023 meeting. Approved. The April Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$97,716.76; Total Deposits \$310.00; Total Disbursements - \$4,672.14; Reconciled checking account balance as of 4/30/23 - \$93,354.62. Motion by L. Steeves, seconded by P. Flom to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$130,803.00; Total Tax - \$48,279.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$55,8800.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$24,144.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$285,377.08. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$527,049.09. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$510,827.55; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$283,477.54. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by T. Muellner, Sr., seconded by R. Rogosheke. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by T. Muellner, Sr., seconded by D. Manders, to approve expenses. Approved. Ron presented a bill from Larry Steeves for \$75.00 for buoy maintenance. Motion by P. Flom, seconded by D. Manders to approve the bill for \$75.00 to Larry Steeves. Approved. Doug explained that Unity Bank has insured every account up to \$250,000. Board approval for Ron to take \$40,000 out of checking and put into a maintenance fund account in order to receive interest. Ron stated that the meal raffle at Grumpy Minnow is going well and will continue through the summer.

P. Flom explained a donation request we received from NBCA requesting \$3,000 for the golf program. This program involved approximately 100 kids from North Branch and Rush City receiving golf instruction, etc. at Bulrush. With our donation of \$3,000 they will expand this opportunity to Pine City and Braham next year. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by S. Means, to approve this donation. Approved.

G. Tschida gave a weed update: We are once again doing the clpw treatment but a little different this year. PLM approved a new herbicide which will be a considerable cost savings to us. Generally we spend approximately \$80,000 - \$90,000 - with the new herbicide, it will cost us about \$38,000. The last survey has been completed - clpw will be treated next week. PLM will do the application this year rather than Lake Restoration. Greg also stated we have been approved for an \$8,000 grant from the DNR to be used toward that treatment. Our on-shore treatments generally costs us \$18,000 - \$20,000 per year. We have taken, about 95% of the milfoil out of the lake. Greg stated that we have been approved by the County for a \$15,000 grant once everything is done. The Watershed District talked to Steve Pape about the inlet on the north end. Board member Brenda Green is now a member of this committee at the County. Phosphorous update: PLM submitted to the MPCA to get approval for the project. They submitted a proposal for the water quality testing on Little Lake and East Rush in order to establish a baseline. They will start the end of May or first part of June. Discussion followed. Motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson, to approve up to \$10,000 for the water quality testing. Approved. R. Rogosheke - scholarships: Ron reported that Julia Kuhnke from Braham, and Kaden Schibilla from Cambridge, are the recipients of this year's scholarship awards. Julia will be attending our Annual Meeting in June.

Doug stated that next month at our Annual Meeting we will have RLIA t-shirts and hats available. Also, we will once again have the Little Blues Traveling Zoo, the Rush City Fire Department and annual turtle races. Doors open at 9:00, meeting at 10:00 followed by lunch at 11:00. We will also be having our annual board elections. Anyone who is interested in running for a board, please let Doug or Sue know.

K. Koroschetz – Let's Go Fishing. Kurt stated a new 30' boat was purchased that will hold 15 people. Let's Go Fishing is run by all volunteers. They go out 3 times per day Monday – Friday starting at 9:00 am to either fish or cruise the lake. Last year they took out over 1,000 people. Volunteers are needed. This year RLIA donated \$5,000 to Let's Go Fishing.

A motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. Manders , to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer