

Rush Lake Improvement Association

GENERAL MEETING APRIL 15, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug O'Brian, Greg Tschida, Larry Steves, Gary Riley, Bill Picha, Mike Anderson, Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Ron Rogosheske, Pete Flom, Ron Eiden

President D.O. called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with a roll call of members. Members reviewed the minutes of the March 18th, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Brenda Green, seconded by Dave Manders to approve the minutes, approved. The March Treasurer's report by Sue Griffin was read by Ron Rogosheske and is as follows: Beginning balance - \$98,023.09; Total Deposits - \$190.00; Total Disbursements - \$496.33; Reconciled Checking Account Balance as of 3/31/23 - \$97,716.76. Motion by Bill Picha, seconded by Larry Steves to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$115,841.00; Total Tax - \$42,877.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$49,743.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$22,721.00; Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$255,636.90. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$490,540.78. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$481,520.61; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$254,660.59. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by Dave Manders, seconded by D. Ashlin. Approved. Expenses: \$93,000 - motion was made by Larry Steves, seconded by Bill Picha to approve expenses. Approved. Ron also mentioned that for every dollar the association makes, the gov. makes two. Last month state wide, electronic pull tabs out performed paper. Locally, our establishments are still at least 50% paper tabs, slightly more at Sidelines. We also have permission from Gambling control board to destroy old pull tabs, so now we can pay for this expense from our gambling funds. We also received a nice thank you note from Let's Go Fishing.

Greg Tschida gave an update on weed control/spraying. We will see about a 25% increase in the costs for spraying. However, PLM has bought a new herbicide which is less than half the cost of what we have been using. PLM will monitor the effects of the new product, and even with the monitoring expense, we will see a reduction in our spraying expenses this year. Ritchie Ronning mentioned a new application company is interested in being added to the list of vendors we use. The new vendor from Goose Lake will deduct the \$200 RLIA contribution himself, because this year he is not on the list of approved vendors. Phosphorus treatment is scheduled to begin in the Little Lake in the Spring. We are waiting for final approval from the DNR and the Pollution Control Agency on the product that will be used, the process is progressing.

Request for donations from: Flickabirds for fireworks, motion by Richie Ronning, seconded by Lucy Kern to approve \$3500 for Flickabirds 4th of July fireworks display. Approved, from the General Fund. Nessel Township requests \$2780.00 for paint/maintenance, motion by Gary Riley, seconded by Steve Pape to approve 1500.00. Motion Approved. Rush City Airport Board requests a donation for their fly-in event. Motion by Ron Eiden, seconded by Dave Manders to approve \$1000.00. Approved.

President Doug O. Gave an update on our banking arrangements, with the help of Unity Bank and an ICS account arrangement we are now within the federally insured amounts at several banks without having to open additional accounts.

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Scholarship committee report noted twelve applicants from most all area high schools are currently being read and ranked by our judges, with results of our now \$2000 award available the first week in May.

President D O lead a final discussion and vote concerning the seeding of wild rice in the south east bay of East Rush. After additional questions and concerns about the pros and cons of this project were addressed a vote was taken which approved the DNR seeding by a vote of 30 to 11, which included 5 votes by e-mail from members not in attendance.

No Wake Zone signs are ready and their distribution and display will be coordinated with some volunteer help when the ice is out.

Richie Ronning proposed a group bus trip to an afternoon Twins game sometime this summer around the end of May or middle of June. He will put a plan together with costs for any who would be interested.

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Schneider, seconded by Mike Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Submitted by:
Ron Rogosheske