

**Rush Lake Improvement Association**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 17, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The Annual Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on June 17, 2023 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Ron Rogosheke, Larry Steeves, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 78 Association members were present and 28 guests.

President Doug O'Brien called the meeting to order @ 10:00 a.m. with roll call of board members. Members reviewed the minutes of the May 20, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by P. Flom to dispense the reading of the minutes of the May 20, 2023 meeting. Approved. The May Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$93,354.62; Total Deposits \$100.00; Total Disbursements - \$2,460.88; Reconciled checking account balance as of 5/31/23 - \$90,993.74. Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by R. Rogosheke to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$95,93.00; Total Tax - \$35,598.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$52,656.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$601.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$244,443.38. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$514,555.06. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$498,698.01; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$231,898.33. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by R. Rogosheke, seconded by M. Anderson. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by L. Steeves, seconded by P. Flom to approve expenses. Approved. Ron explained that our year starts August 1<sup>st</sup>. Year to date report as follows: \$9 million - sales; \$1 million - gross profit; \$466,000 - expenses; \$543,000 - lawful purposes. We have 3 compensated employees who run gambling. R. Eiden stated our expenses for weed treatment normally run \$80,000 to \$100,000 - this year will be less than \$60,000. Donations were discussed. A motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by D. Foerster to approve a donation of \$4,000 to the Rush City Fire Department for equipment. Doug explained that we are going to do a golf tournament with the RC Fire Department to help raise funds for this extrication equipment. Fire Chief, Bob Carlson, said the tournament will be Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. And said the total for this equipment will be approximately \$17,000. Money will also be raised by applying for grants. Looking for golfers and volunteers.

D. O'Brien read the ballot for board of election: The ballot is as follows: Brenda Green, Sue Griffin, David Kern, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheke and Greg Tschida. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by P. Flom to approve a white affirmation ballot. Approved.

R. Rogosheke - Grant Allen Scholarship Awards: Ron gave a background of getting the bill passed which requires any child 10 years or younger to wear a flotation device while in a boat. Ron also thanked all board members who read and rated the essays. This year's recipients are Julia Kuhnke from Braham High School and Kaden Schibilla from Cambridge/Isanti High School. Julia was present to read her essay and stated she will be attending the U of M Duluth. Kaden was unable to attend the meeting but sent a video.

D. O'Brien reported that all on-shore spraying and clpw spraying have been done. This fall we will do a delineation for milfoil/phosphorous treatment plan. We are trying to get approval from the MPCA to treat Little Lake for phosphorous because there is only one channel. This would trap the phosphorous to the bottom. Then we will take samples now and then again throughout the year. If we are successful, then we go after State and Federal Grants. This is not harmful to swimmers or to the fish. It stops the phosphorous from coming into the lake.

Doug said we met with the County to get approval for holding ponds. We have approved for the DNR to bring in wild rice on the south end of East Rush Lake this fall. We are looking to get more members involved in the Association. At every meeting you will sign in and to be added to the drawings.

A motion was made by P. Flom, seconded by M. Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer