

**Rush Lake Improvement Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m.**

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on October 21, 2023 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Brenda Green, David Kern, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Ron Rogosheske, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 19 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 September 16, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by B. Green, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2023 meeting. Approved. The September Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$92,198.68; Total Deposits \$520.00; Total Disbursements - \$2,310.06; Reconciled checking account balance as of 9/31/23 - \$90,408.62. Motion by B. Picha, seconded by R. Rogosheske to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$120,154.00; Total Tax - \$41,607.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$53,695.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$24,502.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$293,963.14. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$568,238.04. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$557,336.06; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$288,071.52. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by R. Rogosheske, seconded by B. Picha. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by B. Green, seconded by B. Picha, to approve expenses. Approved. Ron received the Organization Annual Report from the Gambling Control Board for the period of August 21, 2022 to July 1, 2023. Gross Profit - \$10,762,670.00; Prizes paid - \$9,473,586.00 (88%); Net Receipts - \$1,289,084.00. Allowable Expenses - \$562,682.00 (43.65% of our gross). We made almost 12% from sales and we pay out 88%. State average is 48% - we spend less. Net profit - 56.35%; lawful purpose expense - \$155,955.00 (12% of our net profit); Lawful purpose - \$1,300.00; taxes/fees - \$469,779 (36% of our gross) Total lawful purpose - 48.64%. This is the first year in a long time that we have not been around 50%. Ron thanks his employees for their hard work. 10.2% of what's made goes to payroll - we pay 6.8% and they are on salary. At the end of the year, Ron would like to give a total bonus of \$10,000 to his employees. A motion to give a total bonus of \$10,000 was made by G. Tschida, seconded by D. Ashlin. Approved.

D. O'Brien gave a recap on the golf tournament which was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. He stated we didn't make as much as we would have liked - we will make some changes to it next year.

G. Tschida gave an update on weed control. Greg stated that in the last 10 year period, we have invested \$536,000 in clpw control. On-shore treatment - we have supported \$133,000. \$200,000 on milfoil treatment and have virtually eliminated all milfoil. With the money we have been spending every year, we are now spending about half so we are making progress.

D. O'Brien reported that we are hopefully approved for a grant from the county for \$15,000. The request has been sent in - we should be hearing on this soon. Greg and Doug met with Eutrophix, PLM and Casey Thiel with the County to discuss our plans for treating the lake for phosphorous. We plan to treat Little Lake first and then go after funding to do West Rush. The main idea of the meeting was to get everyone else on board. PLM and Eutrophix met with the DNR MPC to get this process approved. We do not have the results of that meeting yet. Doug stated we are making plans for our Annual Christmas Breakfast which will be held again at Grumpy Minnow on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, a special thank you to all who helped with the buoys.

A motion was made by B. Green, seconded by D. Ashlin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer