

Rush Lake Improvement Association
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2024
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on January 20, 2024 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Brenda Green, Shaun Kane, David Kern, Dave Mander, Doug O'Brien, Gary Reilly 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 December 9, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by D. Kern, seconded by G. Wiessner to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2023 meeting. Approved. The December Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$127,512.81; Total Deposits \$16,980.50.00; Total Disbursements - \$2,578.88; Reconciled checking account balance as of 12/31/23 - \$141,914.43. Motion by D. Manders, seconded by R. Storck to approve the December Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$120,835.00; Total Tax - \$41,866.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$57,394.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - (\$5,591.00). Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$309,421.56. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$590,858.72. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$578,766.97; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$308,514.25. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by B. Green, seconded by G. Reilly. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by D. Ashlin, seconded by B. Green, to approve expenses. Approved. Ron discussed an issue with the State on the annual audit - one box had been destroyed one month early. The State accepted our offer of \$10,000 rather than the original \$42,000. This will be paid out of the general fund. Donating to ourselves was then discussed. A motion was made by J. Doerr, seconded by D. Manders to donate \$50,000 to the General Fund. All in favor.

D. O'Brien introduced our newest board member, Shaun Kane, who is taking Larry Steeves position. Doug discussed our ties with the Rush City Fire Department and the golf tournament. They sent in a donation request for \$5,500 for new equipment. A motion was made by D. Kern, seconded by D. Manders to donate \$5,500 to the Rush City Fire Department. All in favor.

We will be doing the golf tournament again this fall with the profit being split. A donation request was received from Flickabirds for \$1,000 to be used for their upcoming ice fishing tournament. Motion by D. Ashlin, seconded by S. Schneider to approve the \$1,000 request. All in favor.

Doug stated that scholarship applications are due by March 22nd. Also, PLM is doing a proposal for off-shore treatment of clpw. This will be done when the ice is out. We will again be offering the on-shore credit to homeowners who use one of our suggested vendors. We have just approved Aquatic Conservation Services as a new suggested vendor.

D. O'Brien was contacted by Chisago County Commissioner Dan Dahlberg regarding a position being available on the Chisago County Water Quality Planning Committee. Board member Dave Kern applied for this position and has now been accepted. Doug discussed new buoys lights - the lights are solar and would be much more visible.

We received the \$15,000 grant from last year's portion from the County. We are applying for another \$15,000 grant this year. We are also applying for a DNR grant for weed control.

We are waiting for the MPCA phosphorous report. Our future plan is to treat Little Lake. We need to treat more of the phosphorous from coming in.

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

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer