

Rush Lake Improvement Association
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2024
8:30 a.m.

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on March 16, 2024 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Brenda Green, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Ron Rogosheske, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 21 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 February 17, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by D. Manders, seconded by D. Manders, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2024 meeting. Approved. The February Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$184,605.53; Total Deposits \$892.52; Total Disbursements - \$452.44; Reconciled checking account balance as of 2/29/24 - \$185,045.61. Motion by T. Muellner, Jr., seconded by D. Manders, to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$102,014; Total Tax - \$35,237.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$46,593.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$3,451.40. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$273,386.58. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$553,202.05. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$539,483.71; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$268,016.68. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Ashlin, seconded by R. Storck. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by T. Fairclough, seconded by J. Doerr to approve expenses. Approved.

Ron reported that the State is moving along on the sports betting issue. Whatever money they have made on this, 20% will come back to the charities. This will be based on our gross receipts.

D. O'Brien reported we have received 2 donation requests: 1) Let's Go Fishing - \$5,000 and 2) Rush City Clean Up Day - \$500. A motion was made by B. Picha, seconded by T. Muellner, Jr. to donate \$5,000 to Let's Go Fishing. Approved. A motion was made by D. Manders, seconded by R. Rogosheske to donate \$500 to Rush City for clean-up day. Approved.

Doug reported that Grumpy Minnow has asked us if we would be interested in putting in a fountain for both appearance and weed control. Discussion followed on prices. Motion was made by T. Muellner, Jr., seconded by R. Rogosheske, that we purchase the \$6,000 fountain. Approved.

R Rogosheske said the Scholarship Applications are due March 22nd. Applications are coming in slow.

G. Tschida gave a report on weeds: A reminder that last year PLM worked with the DNR on a new herbicide which is half the cost. Also, we will be doing a milfoil check this year, however, we can't treat until the weather is right.

D. O'Brien reported that the new buoys will be delivered in May. Doug also reported on the current grant request to the county for \$15,000. He was told the County has now upped this grant request to \$21,000 - to be used for weed control. We are the biggest lake in Chisago County so we get the most money.

Phosphorous treatment: Doug said we received approval from the MPCA so this is proceeding ahead. The date is scheduled for June 25th-27th. There will be extensive monitoring before and after the treatment. The State, County and DNR are all interested in what we are doing. The County has talked to the different organizations in the watershed district and asked for letters of approval. All 15 organizations agreed to do a letter.

Reminder that our summer picnic will be held on Saturday, June 15th with the Little Blues Traveling Zoo, Rush City Fire Department and turtle races. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down – please let Doug O’Brien know. R. Eiden will take care of setting up the catering with Sidelines. We want to have a list of all volunteers at our next meeting.

A motion was made by B. Green, seconded by D. Ashlin, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer