

**RUSH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 18, 2024
8:30 a.m.**

The General Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on May 18, 2024 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Mike Anderson, Pete Flom, Shaun Kane, David Kern, Dave Manders, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheske, Greg Tschida, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 18 Association members were present and one guest, Linda Thielen.

Vice President Pete Flom called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m. with roll call of board members. Members reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by M. Anderson, seconded by B. Picha to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2024 meeting. Approved. The April Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$183,720.10; Total Deposits - \$1,982.70; Total Disbursements - \$6,853.72; Reconciled checking account balance as of 4/30/24 - \$178,849.08. Motion by P. Flom, seconded by R. Rogosheske, to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$100,454.00; Total Tax - \$35,076.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$53,035.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month - \$10,343.00. Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance - \$300,569.36. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$576,124.11. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$5561,337.36; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$289,650.29. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by G. Reilly, seconded by T. Muellner, Jr. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by G. Reilly, seconded by P. Flom to approve expenses. Approved.

Ron reported that he needs to purchase more shelving for another unit which will cost approximately \$2,000. He will need help putting the shelving together when it comes. He also stated that E-tabs are going up and paper tabs are going down.

P. Flom discussed a donation request from Grumpy Minnow for weed control. Discussion was held. Motion was made by B. Picha, seconded by D. Manders, to make a donation of \$1,000 to Grumpy Minnow for weed control. Approved. Discussion on donation for fireworks to Flickabirds. Motion by P. Flom, seconded by R. Rogosheske, to make a donation of \$3,500 to Flickabirds for their annual fireworks display. Approved.

P. Flom reminded members of our annual meeting on June 15th - meeting will start at 10:00 followed by lunch at 11:00. We will need volunteers to help set up Friday afternoon.

G. Tschida reported that the clpw treatment was done on May 8th which included basically the same area as last year. We will have a savings this year due to the change in chemicals. Discussion followed. Motion was made by G. Tschida, seconded by P. Flom, to pay up to \$40,000 for clpw control. Approved. Greg also stated the on-shore treatment cost is usually between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The phoslock treatment is scheduled for June 24th. A fact sheet will be posted on our website and Facebook. This is a two day process and there are no restrictions either before or after the application. Discussion was held on the timing of when the spraying takes place (i.e. before opening fishing).

R Rogosheske gave a scholarship update and stated that all applicants have been sent a letter thanking them for their application. He also expressed thank you to the 15 judges who ranked them.

M. Anderson gave an update on the golf tournament which will be held Sat., September 21st. He will be meeting with both Bob Carlson and Drew Kaufmann next week. Information/announcement will be on Facebook soon.

Guest, Linda Thielen was present to give a background on the Backpack Program at Braham Schools. They had approximately 40 children participate this year. On behalf of the backpack program, Linda thanked RLIA for our recent donation.

A motion was made by T. Muellner, Jr., seconded by M. Anderson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer