

Rush Lake Improvement Association
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2024
10:00 a.m

The Annual Meeting of the Rush Lake Improvement Association was held on June 15, 2024 at Nessel Town Hall. Board members present: Pete Flom, Brenda Green, Shaun Kane, David Kern, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien, Bill Picha, Gary Reilly, Ron Rogosheke, Gambling Manager, Ron Eiden and Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Griffin. 75 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 18, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by R. Rogosheke to dispense the reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report of the May 18, 2024 meeting. Approved. The May Treasurer's Report is as follows: Beginning Balance - \$178,849.08; Total Deposits \$686.14; Total Disbursements - \$4,406.84; Reconciled checking account balance as of 5/31/24 - \$175,128.38.

Ron Eiden presented the Gambling Manager's Report. Gross Profit (Net Receipts) - \$101,407.00; Total Tax – \$35,035.00; Total Allowable Expenses - \$48,611.00; Net Profit (Loss) for the Month – (\$1,059.00) Reconciled Gambling Fund Balance – \$311,262.94. Total of all Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$589,275.58. Reconciled Gambling Fund (on the last day of the month) - \$561,038.85; Reconciled Checkbook Balance - \$287,952.98. Motion to approve the gambling report was made by D. Foerster, seconded by B. Green. Approved. Total to be approved - \$93,000.00. Motion was made by T. Muellner, Jr., seconded by G. Reilly to approve expenses. Approved. Ron explained that our gambling year runs August 1st through July 31st. Year to date report as follows: \$9,898,810.00 – sales; \$1,077,060.00 receipts - \$518,221.00 – expense \$461.41 – lawful purposes. We will be taxed on \$97,798.00 if we don't spend it by July 31st. Ron stated we are doing more paper pull tabs than anyone in the state. We will come in over \$11 million in sales for the year. Thank you to Ron, Delores and Peggy for all their work with the gambling fund and thank you to Sue Griffin for her work with the general fund.

Doug reported that we have t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats for sale. We will be taking orders now through June 22nd. He also reminded members that the Sheriff's Office has issued a no wake restriction. Signs are placed at both public access. Weed Program: Doug said clpw treatment has been completed and also most of the on-shore. Unfortunately, the weeds are exceptionally bad this year. Phosphorous Treatment: We will be doing the phosphorous treatment on Little Lake on June 25th – 26th. It was noted that this is the highest water level ever recorded. Also noted – lighted buoys have now been placed on the channel.

D. O'Brien read the ballot for board of election: The ballot is as follows: Mike Anderson, Shaun Kane, Dave Manders, Doug O'Brien and Bill Picha. Motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by J. Flom to approve a white affirmation ballot. Approved. Thank you to Pete Flom for his many years of service on the board.

Doug explained that we are going to once again have a golf tournament with the RC Fire Department to help raise funds for extrication equipment. Fire Chief, Bob Carlson, said the tournament will be Saturday, September 21st. Bob thanked all the workers and golfers who participated last year. We are looking for golfers (or put a team together) and volunteer workers. The Fire Department and RLIA will split everything 50/50.

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 we are giving 3 - \$2,000 scholarships. Recipients are Ashlyn Peterson from Spring Lake High School; Madison Davis of Braham High School and Kaylin Pung from Oman. Ashlyn and Madison were present to read their essays. Kaylin was unable to attend the meeting but sent a video.

A motion was made by D. Foerster, seconded by T. Muellner, Jr, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Door Prizes, Lunch and Turtle Races followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Griffin, Secretary/Treasurer