

## **Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 27th, 2025 Zoom Meeting**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

1. Meeting call to order at 1:03 p.m. by Tom Johansen
2. Roll Call: Jack Bertram, Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Linnea Newman, and Peggy Jensen. The meeting was properly posted, and a quorum was met.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Linnea Newman made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: N/A
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup>: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasures Report by Dan Butkus: The treasures report will be filed, archived, and available upon request.
7. Update on the purchase of a new dive boat: Dive boat plans have been approved, and the dive ladder has been purchased. Tom Johansen to deliver the dive ladder to Flagship Pontoon Boats factory. Dan Butkus to purchase new brackets and wiring for Garmin GPS from the previous dive boat. Linnea Newman requested to have boat plans and modifications made available to the board.
8. Update on the status of the DNR grant to help offset costs for the new dive boat: Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant for dive boat. Squash Lake PRD was 9<sup>th</sup> on the list out of 9 for DNR grant approval. Larger lakes received priority for the grant before they reached squash lake. Some of the larger lakes had substantial projects which ate up a large portion of the DNR funding for the year.
9. Review/approval of the April letter to Squash Lake District Electors: Dan made a motion to approve, seconded by Linnea Newman. All approved, none opposed.
10. Treasures update: Dan Butkus is not going to be seeking re-election this year. This position is volunteer and would require experience in accounting and bookkeeping. Dan Butkus has been battling health issues which have led him to make the tough decision to step down. We all wish him the best and wish for a speedy recovery.
11. Possible contract revisions for boat storage and mooring. Given that Dan Butkus is stepping down, Squash Lake PRD is looking for a new location to store and moor the dive boat. Squash Lake PRD is exploring possible options for storage and mooring and will schedule a special meeting to amend the contracts.
12. Approval of diver contracts: Diver compensation varies for new and veteran divers. Squash Lake PRD has a few new divers this year along with several veteran divers returning. Linea Newman made a motion to approve the presented contracts and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
13. Discussion/approval to add an agenda item to the Annual Meeting to consider providing financial support for a lobbyist to promote positive changes in WI Chapter 33 regarding Lake District regulations: Dan Butkus explained the need for a redraft of chapter 33 in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Lakes seeking donations to hire a lobbyist to assist. Tom Johansen suggested adding an agenda item to donate to Wisconsin lakes at the annual meeting in July.
14. Wisconsin lakes convention report: Very successful convention this year. Dan Butkus was awarded the lake stewardship award for excellence in partnership building and also won the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Water Conservationist award.

15. President's report: Tom Johansen hosted a divers meeting. 8 divers attended the meeting and everyone is very excited about the new boat. Divers are looking forward to the upcoming season.
16. Reports and Considerations:
  - A. Oneida County Board Delegate: Update given by Linnaea Newman
  - B. Wisconsin Lake Board Member: Dan Butkus had no further updates than what was explained during the Wisconsin Lake convention update.
17. Petitions and Communications: Two records requests were received for the financial procedures we use from attendees at Dan Butkus' treasurers' workshop at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention. Tom Johansen received an email from an elementary school running an environmental studies class and they explained how they were using the Squash Lake PRD website as a resource.
18. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> over zoom.
19. Adjourn: Peggy Jensen made a motion to adjourn at 1:58 p.m., seconded by Dan Butkus All approved, none opposed.