

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Commissioners Quarterly Meeting
July Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2026
Zoom Meeting

1. **Call to order** - Tom Johansen brought the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. The meeting was correctly posted and a quorum was present.
2. **Roll Call** - Tom Johansen, Peggy Jensen, Linnaea Newman, Jack Bertram, Marj Mehring present. Dan Butkus attended as the Lake District Bookkeeper.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Marj Mehring made a motion to approve the agenda, Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed
4. **Hearing of Delegations** - no delegations present.
5. **Approval of April 12, 2026 Meeting minutes** - Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed
6. **Treasurer's Report** – A report was provided by Peggy Jensen. The Lake District is in good financial status to complete the harvesting season. The treasurer's report is archived and available upon request.
7. **Update on Spring Survey for EWM** - Onterra completed the survey in early June. They mapped the lake and determined priority areas for harvesting. Divers would like Onterra to survey shallow areas in the middle of the lake so they are not diving in high traffic areas of the lake.
8. **Update on Summer Diving** – As of July 31st 7575 pounds of EWM have been collected. Over the 6 weeks of diving, we have used \$18,685 of the dive budget. Divers have harvested all priority areas of the lake and are now returning to those priority areas to clean up any regrowth of EWM. We currently have 15 divers on contract to dive. They generally have 3 to 5 divers on the boat each day of diving. The dive team is very committed to their work. They keep us informed of problems, take care of tank refills, dispose of EWM, and are also keeping the boat clean.
9. **Buoy placement** – The buoy by rock shoal is in place and will be removed on Labor Day. The loon buoy was placed for 3 weeks and then removed when the loon abandoned the nest.
10. **Discussion/decision on purchase and care of dive tank trailer** – The divers would like a trailer to use to transport dive tanks for refilling. The Lake Association has agreed to finance the trailer so there is no cost to the Lake District other than liability insurance. One of the divers has agreed to store the trailer in an indoor facility during the winter months. Linnaea Newman made a motion to approve the purchase of liability insurance for the trailer up to a level of \$300. Peggy Jensen seconded it. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed
11. **Discussion/decision on the Annual Elector's meeting Agenda** – Tom Johansen presented the proposed agenda. Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda, Marj Mehring seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed
12. **Discussion/decision on the 2026 proposed District budget** - Peggy Jensen presented the proposed budget. Marj Mehring made a motion to approve the budget for presentation to the electors, Linnaea Newman seconded. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed
13. **Discussion/decision for the mailing to District electors** - Linnaea Newman made motion to approve the letter, Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed, motion passed
14. **Commissioner responsibilities for the Annual Electors Meeting** – Tom Johansen reviewed the assignments of commissioners for the Annual Meeting.
15. **President's Report** - No report
16. **Reports and Considerations** - Oneida County – Linnaea Newman reported that the County Conservation Committee will have 2 citizen members, 1 mandated as an agricultural representative.
17. **Petitions and Communication** - Jeff Paddock notified the Lake District that there was milfoil in front of his property.
18. **Future Meeting Dates** - the next meeting is August 8, 2026 at 9:30 am. at the Crescent Town Hall. The next quarterly board meeting date is October 11, 2026.
19. **Adjourn** - Peggy Jensen made a motion, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, none opposed.