

Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2024 Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Tom Johansen.
2. Roll Call: Jerod Bennett, Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Linnea Newman, and Peggy Jensen. The meeting was properly posted, and a quorum was met.
3. Approval of Agenda: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: Dan Butkus received an anonymous letter about his perspective on a wake boats. Dan Butkus stated he does not respond to anonymous letters and will address the person if they reach out to him directly.
5. Approval of April 14, 2024 and April 23, 2024 Meetings Minutes: Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, Dan Butkus seconded. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasurer's Report and approval of expenses: The report will be filed, archived and available upon request.
7. Chloride testing results on Squash Lake: Salinity is increasing slowly but still remains well below levels of concern. Our levels are much lower than some other northern lakes. We are continuing our communication with the Oneida County Highway Department about our chloride levels.
8. Pfas testing results on Squash Lake: Levels are well below the level of concern. Recommend testing again in 3-5 years. This will be presented this to the Electors at the annual meeting.
9. Preseason diver meeting report by Tom Johansen: The report is archived and available for review upon request
10. Update on summer diving: Dived June 4th - July 8th, they dove 159.9 hours in 9 days and harvested 3150 pounds of milfoil. Aquatic Plant Management also used DASH to harvest milfoil. There is a potential to have 4 new divers.
11. Update on buoy placement: Two buoys were placed on the lake, one rock hazard area buoy and one loon nesting buoy
12. Discussion about the possible purchase of a new dive boat: \$20,000 is available in the boat fund for a replacement pontoon. Grants are also available for a replacement boat, up to 50% of the cost for the boat. With additional divers it may be necessary to have a boat with larger pontoons and a more reliable 4-stroke motor. Dan Butkus Made a motion to add this to the annual meeting agenda for discussion on purchasing a replacement boat, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
13. Discussion/decision on proposed 2024 Budget Amendment. Dan Butkus made a motion to include an annual meeting agenda item to amend the 2024 budget by \$5000 to add available diver time on the lake, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
14. Proposed 2025 District Budget for approval and forwarding to Electors. Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the draft budget to be presented at the annual meeting, Peggy Jensen seconded. Dan Butkus amended his previous motion to increase expenditures by \$3,000 for additional dive hours. Amended motion was agreed to by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
15. Proposed Annual Elector's Meeting Agenda for approval and forwarding to Electors: Tom Johansen added 3 changes to the agenda for the annual meeting. Jerod Bennett made a motion to approve, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
16. Approval of mailing to district electors (notification of annual meeting, annual meeting agenda, requesting bids for boat mooring and storage and for buoy placement and removal, and the proposed budget for 2025) Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the mailing, Jerod Bennett seconded. All approved, none opposed.
17. Commissioner responsibilities for the Annual Electors Meeting: Presented by Tom Johansen
18. President's Report by Tom Johansen: Tom Johansen notified the board that there was a fire on the big island.
19. Reports and Considerations
 - a. Oneida County Board Delegate. No report
 - b. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member by Dan Butkus: further discussion on enhanced wakes is taking place at the state level with advice from the WLA
20. Petitions and Communications: Have been receiving emails and calls about milfoil in front of lake properties
21. Future Meeting Dates: The annual elector's meeting on August 10, 2024 at the Crescent Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. with a board meeting immediately following. Next quarterly board meeting date 10-13-24.
22. Jerod Bennett Made a motion to adjourn at 2:25 p.m., seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.