

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **January 12th, 2025 Zoom Meeting**

##### **Zoom Meeting**

1. Meeting call to order at 1:00 PM 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: Peggy Jensen 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 December 8<sup>th</sup>: Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasures Report by Dan Butkus: Ended the year with a balanced budget. The district generously received two donations for the purchase of the new dive boat and EWM removal. Dan will be applying for a grant to cover 50% of the purchase price of the new dive boat. Grant reply will not be received until April. The treasures report will be filed, archived, and available upon request.
7. Update on the progress for purchasing a new dive boat for the 2025 season: Tom Johansen provided details about the construction drawings for the new dive boat. Updated drawings for the new boat should be completed within the coming weeks. Once the drawings are complete, they will be submitted with the DNR grant.
8. Overview of the 2024 Squash Lake SWIMS data: No unusual trends in water quality this year. PFAS was detected at very low levels, the chlorides were stable, and the dissolved oxygen was typical for the lake. Tom Johansen will ask the electors if more frequent PFAS testing would be desired.
9. Discussion/approval of the diver pay rates for 2025: To remain competitive Tom Johansen recommended an increase in diver pay for experienced divers. Pay will remain the same for any new unexperienced divers. Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve experienced diver pay at \$42 per hour and inexperienced diver pay at \$40 per hour, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
10. Presidents Report: Diver update and SWIMS report. The presidents report will be filed, archived, and available upon request.
11. Reports and Considerations:
  - A. Oneida County Board Delegate: Update given by Linnaea Newman
  - B. Wisconsin Lake Board Member: Dan Butkus provided an update regarding the Wisconsin lakes Associations upcoming convention in March and discussed the potential for new lake districts in the area.
12. Petitions and Communications: None received
13. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting 4-13-25
14. Adjourn: Peggy Jensen made a motion to adjourn at 1:58 p.m., seconded by Dan Butkus All approved, none opposed.