

## Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

### Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2022, 1:00PM

### Crescent Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Tom Johansen. All board members were present, and a quorum was met. The meeting was properly posted.
2. Roll Call: Dan Butkus, Tom Johansen, Peggy Jensen, Jerod Bennett, and Bob Thome.
3. Approval of Agenda: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve, and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: Phil Schmidt spoke in support of Loon marking Buoys. Tom Eggert reported that the Lake Association may start monitoring the depth of the lake. The treasurer from Lake Nokomis attended to learn about meetings/process.
5. Approval of April 10, 2022, and May 1, 2022 Meetings Minutes: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve, and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed. Bob Thome abstained.
6. Treasurer's Report and approval of expenses by Dan Butkus: Dan requested a budget expenditure, not to exceed \$50- Fifty Dollars, to send a mailing on the behalf of the Northwoods Land Trust to the district residents about the rope swing being removed and not allowed. Bob Thome made the motion to approve and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
7. Dissolution of the ad hoc lake planning committee: Dan Butkus made a motion to dissolve the ad hoc planning committee and Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
8. Chloride testing results on Squash Lake presented by Dan Butkus
  - a. Comparisons with other lakes: Squash Lake is slightly higher than other lakes. The levels are not harmful to plants or wildlife.
  - b. Possible strategies to limit chlorine intake: We will continue communication with the Oneida County Highway Department and the State Highway Department about concerns from Highway 8.
9. Report on the procedures for approval and purchase of loon nesting marking buoys: Peggy Jensen made a motion to get approval from the State for the Lake District to manage and purchase loon nesting buoys on Squash Lake as an agenda item in the annual meeting agenda and Dan Butkus seconded. All approved, none opposed.
10. Treasurer's report on Aquatic Plant Management LLC diving procedures, costs, and availability presented by Tom Johansen and Dan Butkus: Information was presented to the board. Aquatic Plant Management will be used and evaluated for effectiveness in the 2023 dive season.
11. Discussion on diving procedures for 2023 presented by Tom Johansen:
  - a. Salary rates for divers: Peggy Jensen made a motion, Bob Thome seconded that the experienced divers will be paid \$40/hour in 2023. All approved, none opposed
  - b. Lake district payments to recertify dive tanks: Dan Butkus made a motion, Bob Thome seconded that the Squash Lake District cover the cost for the hydrotesting of dive tanks out of this year's budget. All approved, none opposed.
  - c. Salary rates and incentives for new divers: Dan Butkus made a motion, Peggy Jensen seconded that the new divers will be paid \$35/hour in 2023. All approved, none opposed
  - d. Approval to utilize most appropriate combination of EWM removal strategies: Bob Thome made a motion, Dan Butkus seconded to allow Dan Butkus and Tom Johansen to manage a successful dive removal process using multiple options that best meets our needs and that stays within the approved budget. All approved, none opposed.
12. Discussion on the possible purchase of a new dive boat: It will be recommended to the electors that the Lake District delay the purchase of a new boat due to the unavailability of new divers to replace divers who leave.
13. Proposed 2023 District Budget for approval and forwarding to Electors presented by Dan Butkus: Peggy Jensen made a motion, Bob Thome seconded for Dan Butkus to communicate with the DNR to extend the current grant and ask for a grant bump of 15%. All approved, none opposed. Peggy Jensen made a motion, Bob Thome seconded to forward the proposed budget for consideration and approval at the annual meeting. All approved, none opposed.
14. Proposed Annual Elector's Meeting Agenda: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the proposed annual meeting agenda and Bob Thome seconded. All approved, none opposed.
15. Protocols for the Annual Electors Meeting: Tom Johansen reviewed safety protocols, voting registration procedures, and commissioner responsibilities at the annual meeting.
16. President's Report presented by Tom Johansen:
  - a. Diving report: about 1290 lbs. of milfoil were picked as of the first week of July, which is more than all of 2021 (1092 lbs.).
  - b. Date change for the April 2023 Commissioner meeting: Peggy Jensen made a motion to change the meeting from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dan Butkus seconded. All approved, none opposed.
17. Reports and Considerations:
  - a. Oneida County Board Delegate presented by Bob Thome: Report is archived and available upon request.
  - b. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member presented by Dan Butkus: Report is archived and available upon request.
18. Petitions and Communications: Northwoods Land Trust asked the Lake District to send letter to electors about removing the rope swing and other restrictions.
19. Future Meeting Dates: The annual elector's meeting on August 13, 2022, at the Crescent Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. with a board meeting immediately following. Next quarterly board meeting date 10-9-22.
20. Dan Butkus made a motion to adjourn, Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.