

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Virtual using Zoom

1. Meeting called to order by Tom Johansen at 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Jerod Bennett, Bob Thome, and Peggy Jensen. The meeting was properly posted, a quorum was met.
3. Approval of Agenda. Bob Thome made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: None present.
5. Approval of July 10, 2022 and August 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes of Commissioners. Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve and Dan Butkus seconded with the correction that the meeting minutes state Dan Butkus is the Treasurer not the Treasure. All approved none opposed. Dan Butkus made a motion to accept the annual meeting minutes for presentation and approval at the annual meeting, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasurer's Report by Dan Butkus. The report is archived and available by request.
7. SWIMS report on Squash Lake and Washburn Lake water quality data by Dan Butkus. This information will be posted on the website.
8. Eurasian milfoil harvesting report by Dan Butkus. This information will be available on the website.
9. Discussion and possible action for land-based invasive species work with the WI Headwaters Invasive Partnership. The Lake District will pass along this information to our electors.
10. Discussion and possible action for a letter of support for Oneida County to pursue a Lake Classification Grant. Dan Butkus made a motion to write a letter of support to the Oneida County Land and Water Commission to support their pursuit of a grant for lake classification, Bob Thome seconded. All approved, none opposed.
11. Update on township resolutions for placement of educational marking buoys. Tom Johansen presented this proposal to the Town Board of Woodboro and they approved authority for the Lake District to place educational buoys on Squash Lake. Dan Butkus discussed this proposal with the Town Board of Crescent and they are going finalize their decision at their next meeting. Dan Butkus made a motion to present alternative resolutions with the Town of Crescent Board, Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
12. Discussion on procedures for placement and removal of educational marking buoys. Tom Johansen requested that procedures be approved by the board and included in the handbook for the placement and removal of educational marking buoys. These procedures will be discussed at the next board meeting.
13. Review and approval of the boat storage, mooring, and transportation bids. Dan Butkus's bid was received for mooring at \$8 per week, storage at \$12 per week and transportation at \$125 per occurrence. Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, Jerod Bennett seconded. All approved, none opposed. Dan Butkus abstained.
14. President's Report by Tom Johansen. Divers need a new flag for the boat, a bench on the boat needs reinforcement, new racks are needed for marking buoys, and the deck on the boat by the ladder needs to be reinforced. Divers reported the milfoil came back more quickly than in previous years after being harvested. A few new areas on the lake had heavy milfoil. Loon Bay continues to be a concern area. Divers reported the water was less clear this year than past years and that the thermal cline was lower than in past years. Divers were not able to grid as much of the lake this summer. One close call from a boat that came close to a diver was reported. A summary report from the end-of-year diver's meeting is available upon request.
15. Reports and Considerations:
 - a. Oneida County Board Delegate Bob Thome. The report is available for review upon request.
 - b. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member Dan Butkus. The report is available for review upon request.
16. Petitions and Communications. The rope swing tree will be removed during the upcoming winter season.
17. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting 1-8-23
18. Dan Butkus made a motion to adjourn at 1:54 p.m., Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.