

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

January 2026 Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2026

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order - Tom Johansen called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Tom Johansen, Peggy Jensen, Jack Bertram, Dan Butkus, Linnaea Newman, Marj Mehring all present. The meeting was properly posted and a quorum was met.
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve by Peggy Jensen, seconded by Jack Bertram. No additions or changes were made and the motion passed.
4. Hearing of Delegations - None
5. Approval of the October 12, 2025 Quarterly Meeting Minutes of Commissioners - Motion to approve by Peggy Jensen, seconded by Jack Bertram. All approved and the motion passed.
6. Treasurer's Report- Dan Butkus sent all Board Members the year-end Treasurer's report. We were \$9000 under budget for the year. Dan Butkus will be inputting the 2026 budget into QuickBooks. Finances look good, we are in good shape for the year. The report is archived and available upon request.
7. Discussion/approval of a payroll app to pay divers – Dan Butkus reviewed seven automatic deposit payroll programs and recommended the ACH program. There is no cost increase to use auto/electric (ACH) as compared to writing and mailing checks. It is easy to use, quick, secure and convenient. The divers will receive payment within 3 days. Motion to approve ACH by Peggy Jensen, seconded by Linnaea Newman. All approved. Motion passes.
8. Discussion/approval of diver pay rates for 2026 – In 2025 the pay rate was increased from \$40/hour to \$42/hour. New divers (first year) remain at \$40 until they have worked one full year diving. Motion to remain pay rates at \$40/hour for new divers, \$42/hour for divers with more than 1 year experience by Linnaea Newman, seconded by Marj Mehring. All approved, motion passes.
9. President's Report - 3 new interested divers have contacted Tom Johansen, giving us 13 potential divers for the 2026 season. All potential divers will be contacted in February to confirm their interest in diving. Contracts will be brought to the April board meeting for approval. Dan Butkus ordered new nets and dive flags for next season. Dan Jesse, one of the divers, is helping with the tank inspections. Tanks need a yearly inspection so he is taking all of the tanks into Wausau for inspection.
10. Reports and Considerations – Linnaea Newman reported on current Oneida County business and proposals.
11. Petitions and Communications – Tom Johansen contacted our website developer to update the meeting notifications and agendas pages for 2026 meetings. The town of Crescent approved contractor to do the work on the Squash Lake boat landing. They hired lawyer to fill out all necessary paperwork/application and are waiting for approval from the DNR.
12. Future Meeting Dates - April 12, 2026.
13. Motion to adjourn by Peggy Jensen, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, motion passed.