Beaver Lake Yacht Club Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm at the Boelter's

Present: Rick Boelter, Mike Hipp, Carolyn Duris, Rick Stalle, Lara Ehrsam. (Absent: Suzannah Bong, Cam Knuth, Karen Trimble)
Guest: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

1. Review and Approve BLYC Board Minutes 7/06/2026

On 7/9/26 via email a motion was made by Rick Boelter to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Suzannah Bong. All voted in favor, motion passed. *Action: Lara Ehrsam sent to Jim Grinney to post on BLYC Website.*

2. Old Business:

a. By-Law Revisions (Rick Stalle)

We looked over Article XI again. We have agreed that it should reflect the voting protocol outlined in Article II. We came up with a plan of action following the outlined rules for getting the information out for the BLYC Annual Meeting by September 9, 2026. *Action: Rick Stalle will send the final draft of the proposed By-Laws for final board approval. He will also write up a synopsis of the proposed changes with reasoning behind them. Lara will post the notice by 9/9/26.*

b. Launch Site Improvements: (Rick Boelter conveyed Cam's report)

Cam met with Grounds Keeper and a plan was put together for improvements to the site. It was determined that the gravel and compacting work that was done last year is holding up fairly well through the season. Work to be approved:

<u>**Summary of Grounds Keeper Bid - approximately $16,500**</u>

1. West Lot Line Retaining Wall Demo & Replacement with large WI Granite stone - **$5000**
2. Entrance Tree Planting and Bed Renovation - **$3,800 with new trees**
3. Privacy Screen Tree Planting on East Lot Line - **$7595 (Giant Arb) or $6425 (Nigra Arb) or $5,700 (Bald Cypress)**
4. Renovation of Parking lot Island Bed - **$1,400**
5. Compact all driveway stone - **$600**
6. Out lot Branch Removal – **No Charge**

It was decided that the pricing for all this work (+/-$17,000) seemed reasonable. A couple things to relay to Cam and Groundskeeper. Bald Cyprus can have a very large base circumference. We need there not to be any overhang on drive to impede traffic. So, determine if there is room for them and if not what else to put in. Determine shrub/tree for entry bed. We also talked about swales on either side of launch to draw water away from launch road as the property sits low. *Action: Cam will follow up with Grounds Keeper to finalize plan to be voted on at next board meeting so work can get scheduled.*

c. Fireworks Barge Rehab: (Mike Hipp)

Mike put together a budget to rehab the 4 fireworks barges. He proposed replacing the plywood decks, adding 6 dock rings per barge, 6 chains with clips to connect the barges, an anchor and line for each barge and a storage tub to keep the equipment. He would seal the decks with a marine grade sealer that should protect. He plans to start working on a few of the barges this fall with completion of them all by Spring. It was suggested he recruit help. Mike projects the total expense would be $1,325. *Lara Ehrsam made a motion for Mike to Rehab the Fireworks barges at an expense not to exceed $1,500. Caroline Duris seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.*

d. 2026-27 Budget Setting: (Rick Boelter)

Rick outlined how he would like to present our financial report at the Annual Meeting to be more explanatory and proactive with future budgeting. *Action: Rick will work with Gloria (bookkeeper) and Suzannah to obtain exact numbers from this year and work toward our budgeting for the 2027 season.*

3. New Business:

a. Launch Policy for 2027: (Mike Hipp)

The policy held up fairly well this year. Our biggest hardship is knowing whether vendors are launching over 30’ or under as we depending on their reporting. There was talk of setting one fee for all barges regardless of length. This will be a topic for the 2027 board to tackle.

b. 2027 Slate for the Board of Directors: (Rick Boelter)

We believe Suzannah is at the end of her three-year term. So, there would only be one open slot, though she has the option of extending her service for three more years if she wishes per the By-Laws. *Action: Rick will reach out to Suzannah to see what she would like to do. The board will brainstorm possible candidates to fill the position if she opts to end her service.*

4. Committee Reports:

a. Social Report (Carolyn Duris):

8/13 Rock the Boat (Rescheduled) at the Andy & Jill Gehl's. Lara noted that there is also music on the deck at CCC on Thursday. Poker Run is the next event on 8/31. Information has gone out for registering boats. Pier hosts all secured. We do not have a host for Oktoberfest. Event will not happen. *Action: Mike Hipp will call Mike Paddock at CCC to ask that they face their speakers toward the clubhouse. Carolyn will ask Phil Norby to face speakers toward Turtle Bay. Lara will send a reminder blast out. Lara will send out another blast reminder with links for Poker Run next week.*

b. Communications (Karen Trimble/Lara Ehrsam): No Report

c. Treasurer (Suzannah Bong):

Balance $150,575. Expenses over $500: Fireworks second payment $9,523.50, Commercial Property, Liability and Inland Marine Insurance $876.

Meeting Ended 8:22

Submitted by Lara Ehrsam

2026 BLYC Board Meeting Dates

7:00 pm on 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/6, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12

Meetings will be at the Boelter's home unless otherwise stated.

2026 BLYC Annual Meeting: October 8, 6:00pm