

Beaver Lake Yacht Club Board Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2026 @ 7:00pm at the Boelter's

Present: Rick Boelter, Suzannah Bong, Mike Hipp, Karen Trimble, Carolyn Duris, Rick Stalle, Lara Ehrsam. (Absent: Cam Knuth)

Guest: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

1. Review and Approve BLYC Board Minutes 4/13/2026

On 6/10/26 via email a motion was made by Mike Hipp to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Carolyn Duris. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Action: Lara Ehrsam sent to Jim Grinney to post on BLYC Website.

2. Fireworks Review

The overall consensus was that the 2026 Fireworks show was a success. The show went off at 9:28pm and lasted about 20 minutes, which we felt was perfect. We thought the quality of the show was high, other lakes who could see also gave word that we had a great show!

Flares: We sold a lot less than last year. 565 flares were sold. We had comments that 3/\$20 was too expensive. Lara reported one comment on the timing. Bob Corris feels that lighting 15 minutes prior with a 20-minute flare didn't leave time to get out to watch the show easily. Do we light flares 30 minutes prior? Also, do we just set a specific time for flares? It is difficult to discern which shot is the 15 minute warning shot with all the homeowner's "pre-game".

Behind the scenes, we ran into some logistical issues that we were unaware of until that morning. We need to tighten up the role. The Fireworks company arrived and we didn't have the set-up needed done. The BLYC is responsible for launching the barges. Rick Boelter was able to connect with Mike Maas to get the barges launched in time for the fireworks crew to stage the show. 2x4 boards were needed to put the barges together which also was a scramble to obtain. The barges need some work with rotting lines and a new anchor as a cement block rope broke and it is now sunk in the lake. Even with this disorganization all ended up wonderful.

Action: The Board will put together a protocol for the Fireworks that will be passed on yearly to the new steward of the show. We will evaluate the feasibility of the fireworks provider doing the barge work. Mike Hipp will work on our barges so they are launch ready for the next show. Suzannah Bong will make the final payment for the show.

3. Old Business:

a. By-Law Revisions (Rick Stalle)

- Review previous updates through Article VII.
- Article III, keep the part where BOD set the vendor and launch site rules annually. We will need to update the Dinghy Launch rules to reflect the vision. The main issue is “members boats” – these can be seasonally rented. Are members children able to launch and keep their boats at parents home?
- Article VII G: Reworded treasurer role to reflect budgetary discretion. If items were approved at annual meeting then no approval would be needed. We did talk about ways to tighten security in this role.
- Articles VIII-XVI: These are mainly sailing related articles. We will eliminate most of these articles with an article that would allow the board to appoint a special sailing related committee if that should be reinstated. We will opt out of WYA and ILYA as we have no sailing. Aside from changing the fiscal year shall to begin November 1, XIII-XVI will remain as written. *Action: Rick Stalle will rewrite/with redlines the entire ByLaws for final board approval with proposed changes and the Board will review for discussion at the August meeting.*
- Launch Site Improvements: (Tabled due to Cam’s absence)

4. New Business:

a. 2026-27 Budget Setting: (Suzannah Bong)

Suzannah laid out our cash flow trends over the past few years that we will use to set a budget for the next year. We talked about future projects (pier, landscaping) at the launch and cost estimates for those projects. *Action: Suzannah and Rick will work to put together a preliminary budget as we prepare to present this for approval at the Annual Meeting.*

b. Launch Policy Recommendations for 2026-27. (Tabled due to time restrictions) *Action: The board should be ready to discuss at August meeting.*

5. Committee Reports:

a. Social Report (Carolyn Duris):

Upcoming events are the 7/14 Water Ski Show at 6:30 and 7/31 Rock the Boat at the Andy & Jill Gehl's. *Action: We will put out an E-Blast with the July events: Water Ski Show & Rock the Boat with a reminder as well about Poker Run and Oktoberfest.*

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

c. Treasurer (Suzannah Bong): Balance \$156,000. Expenses over \$500: Flares \$4,248, Dinghy \$4,157.39, Wood or Water (pier install) \$840.

Meeting Ended 8:50

Submitted by Lara Ehram

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

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

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