

**Beaver Lake Yacht Club Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2026 @ 7:30pm at the Knuth's**

**Present:** Rick Boelter, Suzannah Bong, Mike Hipp, Cam Knuth, Karen Trimble, Lara Ehsam, Carolyn Duris, Rick Stalle

**Guest:** Jay Jacques (proxy for Shirley Jacques)

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

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

On 4/15/26 via email a motion was made by Suzannah Bong to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Cam Knuth. All voted in favor, motion passed. *Action: Lara Ehsam sent to Jim Grinney to post on BLYC Website.*

**2. Old Business:**

**a. Launch Site Improvements Status (Cam Knuth)**

Last month we approved moving forward with landscape projects. However, after our record 8" of rain in April and meeting with John Erdmann about drainage issues that has been put on hold as we try to resolve these issues first.

- John Erdmann's recommendation was to install drainage crocks that feed into each other and are pumped out. Discussion about electricity to pump water and maintenance led to conclusion of that being rather unmanageable.
- Cam also met with John Siepmann to discuss. John's suggestion was to meet with PLM Paving who they contract with for their water management at Siepmann Properties. *Action: Cam will meet with PLM.*
- It would be beneficial to complete this work as it is likely to entail large equipment in conjunction with private road work.
- Jay Jacques and Suzannah Bong who's properties border the launch were there to discuss history of water drainage issues and how they plan to help mitigate water flowing towards launch which sits lower than their properties. At one point there were many willow trees in the area that did a good job of drinking the extra water.
- Cam also let everyone know that one of the barges became stuck when the launch was very soft due to rain and drainage issues. They are fixing the ruts they put in drive.
- *Action: Cam will get a flag for the flag pole.*
- *Action: Cam will help Mike Katz of FOBL put in slow no wake buoys in soon.*  
Damaged/old and unused buoys will be removed from out lot.

Conclusion: We need to figure out how to better drain water and then move forward to fix that and add landscaping/plants for screening.

**b. Vendor Relations (Mike Hipp)**

- All Vendor Proof of Insurance forms have been handed in. Vendors who did not renew have been "turned off" on the Master Lock gate system.
- He handed out updated Vendor listing that also has billing contact information. *Action: Lara will update Constant Contact. Suzannah will get billing information to Gloria.*

- Mike Maas is launching the larger of the barges. Is he being charged \$200/day fee. *Action: Mike will encourage him to use smaller barge.*
- Mike is not giving out all-access codes, he is trying to work with homeowners on using their own code with the gate system. *Action: Mike will put together a How to Use the Gate System page for the BLYC Website and if we can get into the Dinghy.*

**c. Homeowner Relations (Rick Boelter)**

- Neumann's permanent pier project was approved to move forward and the \$5,000 construction fee has been made.
- Rick will work with Mike Verbockel's brother in-law on launching Mike's boat as Mike is incapacitated to do so.

**d. Dinghy Update (Rick Boelter)**

The goal is to have the Dinghy printed and ready for distribution for the BLYC Commodore's picnic. Lisa Erdmann is working hard to finish. Cathy Liebert will have zip drives for sale with all past dinghies through 2025, the plan is to sell for \$100 each with that money going towards a Dinghy fund. This will be announced at picnic. *Action: Lara, Rick B and Karen will work to get last changes and proofing done.*

**e. By-Law Revisions (Rick Stalle)**

We worked on the proposed changes to Articles II-IV. The main changes were aligning voting with a member being a lot entity to equalize a single homeowner with those owned by couples. We discussed the proper number of attendees of a meeting for a quorum and to call a special meeting. Ballot distribution was also discussed as electronic distribution is now being used. *Action: Rick Stalle will rewrite/with redlines Article I-IV with the changes discussed tonight.*

*Action: All board members will review and be ready to discuss Article V, VI and VII at the June Meeting.*

**3. Other Committee Reports**

**a. Social Report (Carolyn Duris)**

- Ladies Night (May 14). Hosted by Kristin Schultz. Kirsten Benidt has offered her house for overflow parking. *Action: Lara will send a Constant Contact with this information.*
- Commodore's Picnic (June 7): Hosted by Board. We will do at the BLYC Launch. Dessert by board. Tables and Chairs – use Ehrsam's. Food Truck. Suzannah volunteered her home for a bathroom if needed. *Action: Rick B will secure a food truck.*
- Fireworks (July 4): *Action: Rick B will order flares.*
- Poker Run (August 30 at 3:00): Carolyn and Sharon Hipp will run the event.
- Water Ski Show (July 14) at 6:00, rain date TBD
- Rock the Boat (July 31): Jill and Andy Gehl with music by Phil Norby.
- Oktoberfest (TBD): Still looking for a host was sent out looking for host.

**b. Communications Report (Lara Ehram) No Report**

**c. Treasurer (Suzannah Bong)**

We have \$155,030 in accounts. No major expenses since last report.

**4. New Business (as time permits):**

- a. Budgeting for 2027 (tabled due to time constraints)**
- b. Set Annual Meeting Date and Reserve CCC: Oct. 1 at 6:00pm DONE.**
- c. Other topics?**

**Meeting Ended 9:35**

**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, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12

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

**2026 BLYC Annual Meeting: October 1, 6:00pm**