

**Beaver Lake Yacht Club Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2026 @ 7:00pm at the Boelter's**

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

**Absent:** Carolyn Duris

**Guest:** None

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

**1. Review and Approve BLYC Board Minutes 3/09/2026**

On 3/10/26 via email a motion was made by Suzannah Bong to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Rick Boelter. All voted in favor (Karen Trimble abstained as she was absent on 3/9/26), motion passed. *Action: Lara Ehram sent to Jim Grinney to post on BLYC Website.*

**2. Old Business:**

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

Mike reported on the 2025 past due invoice situation with The Boathouse. They have come to an agreement as of 3/24. The past due amount of \$7,400 was reduced to \$800. It was determined that they were being billed "large barge" rates for all their entries. They felt they were on the lake 12 times for installs and take-outs and 50% of those 12 times was with the large barge and 50% was with a small barge. The other entries were boat deliveries and servicing. Mike did the math and it all worked out. We don't have a way of allocating entries separately for the different uses. They feel their pier work will be the same and will continue to pay the \$500 vendor fee and the \$800 large barge fee in 2026.

2026 Vendor Fees have all been paid up aside from The Boathouse which we now expect now that issue resolved and from Dockside Water Craft Cleaners. We are still missing the Proof of Insurance forms from Gordy's, H2O Marine, Tinus and Lake Country Marine. *Action: Mike will obtain outstanding Vendor Fees and Proof of Insurance Documents. Suzannah will keep Mike informed as to what comes in to the PO Box.*

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

Cam received 2 sets of quotes from Landwerks and Groundskeeper for the landscaping issues at the BLYC launch. They are broken down as follows:

- Bong side retaining wall: LW \$7,300 Boulders. GK \$4,500 RR Ties. We discussed using GK but use Boulders as RR Ties rot and contain oil products.
- Island Clean-Up: LW \$11,300. GK \$2,000. Both would do similar services of removing weeds, improve edging to gravel and plant tall grasses around shed.
- Jacques Lot Line: LW \$9,700 Five Trees, GK \$7,500 Seven Trees. Remove split rail fence that is in disrepair and rotting. We discussed adding some grasses between deer resistant trees to create a seamless barrier. Deer resistant arborvitae would still need to be wrapped in Winter as the deer around here are relentless.
- Gate Garden Bed: LW \$?, GK \$2,500 Clean-up with new tree or keep tree (which is deer eaten) for \$1,200.
- Outlot Clean-up: GK would do for free.
- Water Pooling Issue Jacques side near gate. We discussed a French Drain or Rain Garden or Trench. *Action: Cam will talk option ideas with John Erdmann and Mike Katz of FOBL.*

- Entrance System: The Magnetic System where the line was cut has been repaired and is up and running. They removed the motion detector system. *Action: Cam will retrieve the \$950 Motion Detector we paid for and we will keep in the case that the other system is down.*
- Grass Cutting Service has been retained. Turf Lake Country will do weekly @ \$60 for launch and every other week for out lot.
- There are some damaged Slow No Wake buoys in the out lot. Can we throw them away. *Action: Cam will contact FOBL about them and hopefully they can be removed and disposed of.*
- Signs are up for traffic flow.

Rick Boelter made a motion to give Groundskeeper a go on the landscaping projects not to exceed \$20,000. Mike Hipp seconded. All present voted in favor, motion passed. *Action: Cam will sign contracts and move the projects forward.*

#### **c. Dinghy Update (Rick Boelter)**

Cost of the Dinghy is \$4,500. Thus far Lisa Erdmann has obtained \$2,500 in advertising, both from outside sources and membership advertising. Beth Raab asked about making a dinghy donation as that didn't seem to be an option. The due date is 4/20. *Action: Karen Trimble will send out an advertising Constant Contact request to membership and another for the vendors. Rick will ask Lisa to get an extension on due date until the following week.*

#### **d. Dingy Archives (Rick Boelter)**

Rick and Rick Stalle have told Cathy we cannot locate the zip drive she gave at us in October. We will put out a notice that if anyone would like to have a full set of dinghies via a zip drive that they should contact Cathy. *Action: Karen/Lara will put out this information out in a Blast.*

#### **e. Launch Power Wash Station (Rick Boelter)**

Because there is no power at the launch site there is no feasibility of installing a power wash at the launch. This item will be taken off the agenda in the future.

### **3. New Business: ALL ITEMS TABLED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS**

- Budgeting for 2027**
- Set Annual Meeting Date and Reserve CCC**
- Other topics?**

### **4. By-Law Revisions (Rick Stalle)**

We went through changes and improvements to Article 1.

- Membership: Household and Individual membership categories should be eliminated and consolidated into one membership category, "General Membership". Membership is further defined to be available to anyone who owns residential property. Any tenants on the lake will have membership extended as determined by the board. Social Membership shall remain the same except they will have no launching or voting privileges. Chenequa Country Club will also be a special membership category with discretion on dues/privileges determined yearly by the board.
- Voting: Voting should change from 2 votes per Household Member to 1 vote per General Member. This is perhaps the most significant proposed change in the bylaws to eliminate the bias against single household members such as widows or widowers.
- Elimination of Sailing Membership.

- Dues: All Membership Classes determined yearly by the Board. This is the same as before but more concise.
- New Member Initiation Fees at the discretion of Board of Directors.
- Member expelling should be 2/3 of board members vs. 6/7 board members.

*Action: Rick Stalle will rewrite/with redlines Article I with the changes discussed tonight.*

*Action: All board members will review and be ready to discuss Article II, III and IV at the May Meeting.*

## **5. Other Committee Reports**

### **a. Social Report (Carolyn Duris – Sent schedule via email)**

- Ladies Night (May 14). Hosted by Kristin Schultz. *Action: Lara will get in contact with Carolyn/Kristin about putting out an Invitation with a blast ASAP.*
- Commodore's Picnic (June 7): Hosted by Board. Will be at Boelter's or Launch if that is done.
- Fireworks (July 4)
- Poker Run (August 30 at 3:00): Carolyn and Sharon Hipp will run the event.
- Rock the Boat (July 31): Jill and Andy Gehl with music by Phil Norby.
- Water Ski Show (July 14 at 6:00, rain date TBD)
- Oktoberfest (TBD): Still looking for a host was sent out looking for host.

*Action: Lara will post social calendar in a blast to membership and get to Jim Grinney for posting on BLYC Website.*

### **b. Communications Report (Lara Ehram)**

- Lara will work on social blasts.
- Karen will work on Dinghy Advertising Blast

### **c. Treasurer (Suzannah Bong)**

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

**Meeting Ended 8:40**

**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.