Barnes Lake Club Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Board Members Present: Pam Reid, Pat Betcher, Teresa Marciniec, Brian Menard, Alex Nikora, Jerry Gottschalk, Derek Morey, Kelli Lovasz and Karen Uetz.

Guests: Burns Rolland, Linda Zukonik, Janele Thompson, John Rickord, Jim and Becky Roberts, Tom Petts, Mike Beauvais, and Dawn Gottschalk. Via Zoom: Lori Campbell, and Kim McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance: Held, all stood.

Additions to Agenda:

- John Rickord communicated he would finish 2026 Fishing Competition, and will be retiring 10/31/26, after 20 years of running the Barnes Lake Club (BLC) Fishing Contest.
- Douglas Tewilliager has been assisting John Rickord lately, and he will not pick up the running of the Fishing Contest.
- John Rickord recommended reaching out to Kurt Gabbard who would likely be willing to take over.

Moment of Silence: N/A

Guest Speakers: N/A

Minutes of Last Meeting: Karen Uetz published minutes for 8/5/26 meeting. Motion to not read aloud and approve 8/5/26 minutes: Alex Nikora, 2nd: Derek Morey. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Menard published the following document and answered questions.

- Barnes Lake Club **CASH FLOW STATEMENT: August 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026.**
- Questions were asked about the high cost of DTE Payment, Brian Menard explained there are two DTE accounts for the Security Lights and one for the Club house. He tried to combine them and DTE refused. The Security Light account was behind several months. September payments should go back to the expected amount.
- Brian Menard added back in the cumulative amounts for the donation categories. Dawn Gottschalk asked for a detailed Lady Liberty donations report with each person, amount, and date donated in total to the donation account.
- Jerry Gottschalk asked for a line item on fees paid to Alex Nikora for Maintenance. Brian Menard explained the line for Maintenance (Park Lots, Pavilion, Beach and Yard) is for Alex's invoices, showing as incurred, not yet billed for July and August.
- **Motion to approve** August CASH FLOW STATEMENT: Derek Morey, 2nd: Alex Nikora. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.

Membership and Directory Update: Pam Reid distributed the latest membership list on 9/2/2026.

- **Directory**: Brian Menard said that the Directory would be published early 2027 for 2027 through 2029.
    - Brian Menard communicated the Directory deadline for adding members is 9/30/2026.
    - Linda Zukonik strongly recommended allowing spring 2027 members to join the directory. Recommendation of asking at 2027 membership renewal and registration for new members.

Special Events:

- **Concert on the Beach:** Derek Morey: September 5th, 2026, from 7:00PM to 10:00 PM, at the Beach Park Pavilion, featuring Billy Hamilton and the Lowriders.
- **Halloween Party:** Pam Reid: October 10th, 2026, the event flyer was shared. Pam added a new Game for the event.
    - Need trunk-or-treat volunteers. Natalie Morey to lead Trunk or Treat. Pam Reid and Natalie Morey too discuss.
- **Flotilla**, August 8, 2026, in the south lake, 30 Pontoon Boats joined.
    - Rod Mills donated $1,335.00 generated at event to Barnes Lake Club.
    - Rod Mills communicated he was retiring and would not be running the Flotilla in 2027.

Welcome Packet Update: Teresa Marciniec: Six properties have sold in 2026, with one pending sale on Indian Trail. 5 welcome packets delivered.

Beach Pavilion Maintenance Update: Alex Nikora:

- **Screen Door** Cost Estimates at $389 with Handles and $274 no hardware. Alex pointed out the $389 door was sturdier and higher quality that would allow it to last much longer.
    - **Motion to approve** purchase of the $389 Door: Brian Menard, 2nd: Karen Uetz. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.

- **Fence**: Indian Trail behind guard rail: Alex Nikora got 3 Quotes: 410 Feet of Fencing:
  - Quote 1: Action Fence: 4' High at $11,500; 6' High at $12,740; Preferred Vendor.
  - Quote 2: Large Construction: 4' $9,900; did not measure correctly, and Alex did not trust the people.
  - Quote 3: Other: 4' High at $9,372; 6' High at $12K+; Note recommended by Alex Nikora.
  - All discussed, not urgent to move on, 4' fence would be what makes sense, No Motion for 2026, add to Maintenance List for future potential.

Park Lot Maintenance Update: Alex Nikora: Alex, Jerry Gottschalk and group of guys will work on the dock and fill in dirt.
Technology Committee Update: Kelli Lovasz discussed the need for Barnes Lake Club Emails, such as *President@BarnesLakeClub.com*, to move away from personal emails and viruses.

- Karen Uetz added the need for establishing the File Share and Digital Library for storing documents in a common area for the BLC Board members to use. Eventually the Website and Financial management tool, once approved, would work off the common area to streamline and improve the processes. Pam Reid has been spending time digitizing numerous boxes of paper documents, and all of this can be published to the File Share Digital Library.
- Brian Menard and Pam Reid discussed the 8/26/26 Technology Sub-committee meeting they attended to be interviewed.
- Costs estimated at $63.00 per month for $270 GB of pooled storage for 7 emails, additional email at $7.00 per month; 1 Terabite of File Share for digital library.
- Karen Uetz discussed upcoming fundraisers with the first event on 9/12/26 Bottle Drive. These funds are to be used for initial implementation, license fees and set-up costs. Ongoing fees to move to Barnes Lake Club budget.
- **Motion to approve** The Technology Sub-committee to move forward with **BLC Emails, File Share and Digital Library**, after initial fund raiser on 9/12/26: Brian Menard, 2nd: Jerry Gottschalk. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.

Barnes Lake Improvement Board (BLIB) Update: Burns Rolland:

- **Control Surge/DAM**: BLIB approved and allocated funds for the replacement boards. The current boards are about 40 years old. The boards are expensive white oak.
  - Long Dry Period will be used to replace boards. Jerry Gottschalk asked if Burns would be hiring someone? Burns said it is precision work. BLIB is working to get permits to change boards with Eagle.
- **Spraying** went over the 2026 budget of $55,000 for the year.
- **Lady Liberty**: Jerry Gottschalk said they would be doing power washing and reset posts before winter.

Old Business:

- **Financial Review Committee**: Brian Menard: **Financial Review Committee met 9/2/26 at 6:15PM** : Brian Menard, Pam Reid and Jim Roberts met to initiate the financial review. A non-binding opinion letter and any recommendations will be provided once review has completed. There is no deadline. Full transparency will be provided.
- **QuickBooks**, Purchase: Brian Menard: Brian Menard shared an in-depth assessment of QuickBooks as a viable financial tool for the Barnes Lake Club to purchase licensing and digitize financials, easier to manage, viewable and more transparent.
  - Brian proposed the Base Level would be appropriate for BLC. The license fee is $38.00 per month. Jerry Gottschalk mentioned the fees went up the morning of 9/2/2026, so it is likely a little higher.
  - QuickBooks will be set up over winter, between November 2026 and May 2027, with the expectation to have it up and running for the May 2027 BLC meeting. Quick Books will also be set up to integrate with the File Share, just approved. This will bring further integration of the BLC data and processes. Brian Menard to work with Derek Morey to integrate with File Share for set up.
  - **Motion to approve** the purchase of QuickBooks cloud licenses, not to exceed $60.00 per month: Brian Menard, 2nd: Karen Uetz. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.
- **Directory Update**: Brian Menard: No decision on Publish Date, see discussion earlier in meeting. Postpone decision until October Meeting.
- **All Board Members create Procedure Sheets** for their events. Pam stressed the need for the procedures.
  - Pat Betcher mentioned that the Golf Cart Parade should be adjusted, to include numbers.
  - **Procedures outstanding** include:
    - Alex Nikora: Boat and Dock Park Lot Registration; Beach & BLC Maintenance Schedule
    - Brian Menard: Financial Schedule (initial activities, until QuickBooks implemented then detailed process)
    - Derek Morey: Televised (Web View) Meeting Procedure; Concert at the Beach Procedure

    - Linda Zukonik: Distribute Boat/ Beach Gate Card
    - Pat Betcher: Fireworks Display Procedure
- **New sign for Beach area and Club house:** Derek Morey, In-progress.
- **Boy Scouts Assets and Bank Account**: Derek Morey created and published an assets inventory; About $7,000.
    - Teresa Marciniec discussed that there is a troop in Lapeer who could use the kit donation now. Why would we not help these kids in need? There are troops right now who want the trailer. The Bank Account would be donated to the Cross World Council.
    - Derek Morey said that the inventory will get destroyed if others use it, and it can be used to set up a local Boys Scout Troup, Adventure Club, or Explorer Club. If we did donate, we will keep the canopies. However, we should keep and pursue establishing a local troupe.
- **Pavillion Rental Discussion.**
    - Brian Menard researched and discussed the entity leading an event to add 'Barnes Lake Club' to their '**Additional Insured**'. Jerry Gottschalk agreed with Brian Menard and said this is no big deal.
    - Other options include making it a free event (with volunteered donations) or purchasing a one-time event policy for $100 to $150 per day.
- **Power Loading**: **Motion to approve** Table the discussion: Derek Morey, 2nd: Brian Menard. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.

New Business: N/A

Correspondence: N/A

New and Outstanding Issues (remain on the agenda until complete)

- **Survey Park Lot**: **Park Lot P: (Sewer), and E.(Wall):**
    - Quote 1: *Davis Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.* to perform the Park Lot Surveys. $1,900
        - Adding *Land Survey* would make quote roughly $400 additional. Burns Rolland asked at the meeting.
        - Pam Reid insisted it include Drawings for recording, with pictures; Agreed.
            - Park Lot J: not staked - drawing needed. (3 Years ago, Road Commission – Old Forest Place)
            - Park Lot E: Encroachment – drawing needed
            - Park Lot P: Encroachment – drawing needed
            - Park Lot P: Sewer – Shoot Picture
            - P Lot: Grinder, Septic - Shoot Picture
            - Park Lot M: Stakes in water - drawing needed
    - Quote 2: $4,800
    - **Motion to approve** Davis Land Surveying & Engineering Inc, quote with adding Land Survey, Drawings and pictures, not to exceed $2,500: Brian Menard, 2nd:Karen Uetz. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.
- **Club House and Beach Lawn at Retaining Wall:** The yard has sunk at the retaining wall creating a hazard. Build up this area the entire length of the retaining wall so that the area is level.
    - Alex Nikora said the retaining wall will be done in the fall with Lot P.
- **Edit Review:** Dawn Gottschalk brought up that the article she submitted for the Observer, was not used. The article published made mention of one person above all others who contributed, which she would not have provided. The submitted article was not used. Something else was used in its place.
    - **Review process requested** as standard process: Send final DRAFT to contributors to review before publication.
- **BLC Logo**: Alex Nikora proposed using logo from publication.
    - **Motion to approve** Postpone Logo discussion to October meeting: Derek Morey, 2nd:Karen Uetz. Vote to approve**:** All *Aye* votes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2026, at Barnes Lake Club Building, at the beach at 7:00PM.

Adjournment: Pam Reid proposed meeting close. Motion to approve: Derek Morey, 2nd: Brian Menard. Vote to approve: All *Aye* votes, motion carried. 8:37PM.