

**BELPOA**  
**Board Meeting - Minutes**  
**Sept 20, 2025**

1. Call to order – 10:05
2. Roll call of Board
  - a. James Cowell
  - b. Mike Bemis
  - c. Barb Duval
  - d. Kristin Wengren
  - e. Laura Kuhta
  - f. Luke Bauss - present
  - g. Tony Del Duco
  - h. Bill Lauinger
  - i. John Hagar – not present
  - j. Linda
3. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from 6/29/25 APPROVED
4. Reports
  - a. President – James Cowell –
    - i. Discuss Ramp Lease and approve payment (if lease is available) – Suggest \$1000 to John Smith for ramp
    - ii. Discuss Board responsibilities
      1. Taking Minutes Kristin
      2. Bill and Tony writing articles for spring newsletter
      3. Laura going to ask Heather about generator and take on swag
  - b. Vice President – Mike Bemis – Chili Cookoff Discussion. Swag? Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – \$500 budget for chili cookoff James asked for vote, Bill 2nded. Vote passed
  - c. Treasurer – Barb Duval
    - i. James moved to accept barbs report, Tony 2nded.
5. Standing Committees
  - a. Water Quality – Linda Smith
    - i. Linda offered 5 people to be on the committee – Greg T, Kelly B, Susan, John S, Andy
      1. Linda is working on getting more information from service providers
      2. Linda asked for a mission statement for Water Quality Committee. James suggested that purposes 1, 4, and 6 in the Bylaws be used as direction for a mission statement.
      3. Next WQ committee meeting is Oct 2, 7 PM at Brandon Twp Library
      4. Concerns about keeping data private.
  - b. Media – James Cowell
    - i. Website has been migrated to new hosting provider and Archives are live on the website. Please provide any documents you wish to have uploaded.
    - ii. Making changes to PayPal account.
      1. Check to see if I can require specific data for PayPal payments like lake address and phone number
6. Old Business

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- a. 50/50 Raffle – Tony
  - i. Need to use more technology to receive payments (Venmo, Zelle, PayPal)
  - ii. Total donations - \$2858. Winning Pot total after expenses \$1328
  - iii. Motion By Tony to add \$100 additional winnings - \$50, \$25, \$25. 2nded by Kristin. Approved by Board
    - 1. Miles Bemis wins Pot \$1328
    - 2. Laura Kuhta wins \$50
    - 3. Amy Otenbaker wins \$25
    - 4. Brooks Lock wins \$25

## 7. New Business

- a. Chili Cookoff – January 24<sup>th</sup> – Mike B to organize.
- b. Newsletter
  - i. Discuss Paper or Electronic Delivery
- c. Assignment of Tasks
  - i. Article 1 for Newsletter - Tony
  - ii. Article 2 for Newsletter - Bill
  - iii. Article 3 for Newsletter – Water Quality, Linda
- d. Open discussion
  - i. Will be discussing dues increase for 2026 at January's board meeting
  - ii. Will need to fix spreadsheet for membership before Jan 2026 meeting
  - iii. Next Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - iv. Bill – Nothing
  - v. Laura – brought up concerns regarding people having boats on the lake who do not own property on the lake.
    - 1. What can BELPOA Board do? James to check with John S and Susan to discuss better ramp security.
  - vi. Kristin – Voiced concerns regarding WQ committee
  - vii. Barb – Newsletter Have it ready before Dec 31
  - viii. Tony -

## 8. Adjournment – 11:32