

**Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting
Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club
Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:32 p.m.
Community Center, Room 2**

BOD Meeting called to Order by President Heidi Brown at 5:32 p.m.

Present: President, Heidi Brown; **Foundation Treasurer**, Loretta Lafley; **Administrative Treasurer**, Beth Newton; **1st Vice President**, Mary Lou Ambrose; **2nd Vice President**: Teresa Wisniewski; **3rd Vice President**: Arlene Rich; **Tamers**: Sharon Corner and Ann Turner; **Tail Twister**, Nicole Pappas; **Membership**: Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko; **Directors**: Caroline Collantes, Claire Donohoe; **Immediate Past President**, Darcy Jennings

Absent: Secretary, Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Director/Tamer**, Nicki Buell; **Temporary Tamer/Director**: Emily Florence

Secretary's Report: Beth Newton on behalf of Gloria Bishop Oliveri

- 1) **Motion** requested to approve Minutes from the **September 25, 2025, BOD meeting**, which were previously submitted. Motion made by Sharon Corner and seconded by Teresa Wisniewski. **Motion** passed.
- 2) **Monthly Reports** from Committee Chairs for: **September 2025**
PS=6,613 L= 167 H= 885 \$= \$1,863.00*
***Book Sale: \$235.00 50/50: \$300.00 Card Party: \$1,328.00**
- 3) **New Members:**
Moira Ricketts, sponsored by Anne LeHuray, and **Lara Berry**, sponsored by Deborah Baird. Both will be inducted at the November 9, 2025, Dinner Meeting. **Motion** to approve made by Loretta Lafley and seconded by Mary Lou Ambrose. **Motion** passed.
- 4) **Resignations:** Rosemary Butcher resigned on 10/08/25. Rosemary has been an active Lioness since 05/11/23. She most recently chaired the Card Party, Luncheon and Fashion Show Committee. We will miss Rosemary and wish her the very best in all her future endeavors. **Motion** to approve made by Sharon Corner and seconded by Barbara Tomayko. **Motion** passed.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - A) Bylaws and Constitution update: Heidi is still working on final edits.
 - B) 2025-2026 Visitation: **Culpeper Mid-Day Lions Club**. The following Lionesses visited the club on Thursday, October 23, 2025, for lunch: Mary Lou Ambrose, Nicole Pappas, Lynne Kovach, Donalda Lovelace, and Gloria Bishop Oliveri. Their members shared fundraiser ideas and discussed the various ways their club serves their local community.

Foundation Treasurer's Report for September 2025: Loretta Lafley

- 1) **Total Receipts:** \$7,959.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$9,992.98
- 3) **Adjusted Bank Balance:** \$64,506.15
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$10,215.81
- 5) Loretta filed IRS 990 Tax Filing for foundation
- 6) LOWLINC wrote to Heidi and Loretta requesting \$500.00 to assist with their Holiday Acts of Kindness Appeal. The funds would assist with Thanksgiving Dinners, a Holiday Party and small holiday member gifts. Last year Low Lionesses contributed \$500. A **Motion** was made by Barbara Tomayko to approve \$500 from LOW Lioness to the LOWLINC appeal in memory of Ray Greeney and seconded by Mary Lou Ambrose. **Motion** passed.

- 7) The October dinner meeting raised \$138.00 for Breast Cancer. Loretta made a **Motion** to round the amount to \$200.00, which was seconded by Teresa Wisniewski. **Motion** passed.
- 8) Loretta also reported that \$30,000 was moved from checking and savings to a 13-month CD.

Administrative Treasurer's Report for September 2025: Beth Newton

- 1) **Total Income:** \$2,763.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$2,448.05
- 3) **Account Balance:** \$24,132.69
- 4) Annual tax form filed with IRS
- 5) \$10,000 moved from Admin bank account to CD as 6-month investment in October.
- 6) Beth Newton made a **Motion** to remove Denise Russell from Club membership. Denise has been inactive since an illness and is unable to continue. The Motion was seconded by Teresa Wisniewski. **Motion** passed.

President's Report: Heidi Brown

- 1) The Club is close to the required weight of plastic for our second Trex bench. The LOW Lions Club has asked Heidi to place the bench in the Tree of Love Garden by the Ferris Building. Heidi recommended the site as a lovely garden with great visibility. **Motion** to approve made by Teresa Wisniewski and seconded by Barbara Tomayko. **Motion** passed.
- 2) Heidi will ask the membership for a volunteer to write *Lake Currents* articles.

1st Vice President's Report: Mary Lou Ambrose

- 1) Mary Lou suggested a survey to ask members for a list of any Club items they have. The Club is seeking a common storage site for Club materials and records. A master list would help identify where items are located.
- 2) Mary Lou will follow up with the Culpeper Mid-Day Lions Club to learn more about their weekly Bingo games, which are a major fundraiser.

2nd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski

- 1) Teresa gave an update on the dance committee that she and Sharla Bailey co-chair. The group will vote on one of six themes for the March fundraiser.

3rd VP Arlene Rich: Arlene Rich

- 1) Trick or Treat on the Point is organized by Darcy Jennings and Teresa Wisniewski.

Tamers: Ann Turner, Sharon Corner and **Temporary Tamer:** Emily Florence

- 1) Dinner collections are going smoothly. Ann will create a list of members frequently absent to determine what the Club can do better and attract members to dinners.

Tail Twister: Nicole Pappas

- 1) Nicole says the "honor system" jar for missing nametag fees went well at the dinner meeting.
- 2) She requested suggestions for "Mighty Lioness" recognition.

Membership: Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko

- 1) Two new members, Lara Berry and Moira Ricketts were introduced at the New Members Orientation Meeting on Mon. 10/20/25 at Two Brothers Restaurant.
- 2) Barbara suggested a future dinner meeting topic might be a reminder about the parent Lions Organization's activities or a review of the Lions website's wealth of information.

Directors: Caroline Collantes and Claire Donohoe; Emily Florence and Nicki Buell, absent

- 1) Sign-up at November dinner for wreath-making outing on 12/4. Only 25 spots available. Cost is \$40.00.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Newton for *Gloria Bishop Oliveri*, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 2.