

Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Community Center, Room 2

BOD Meeting called to Order by President, Heidi Brown at: 5:40 pm

Present: **President:** Heidi Brown; **Secretary:** Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Foundation Treasure:** Loretta Lafley; **Administrative Treasurer:** Beth Newton; **1st Vice President:** Mary Lou Ambrose; **2nd Vice President:** Teresa Wisniewski; **Tamers:** Ann Turner; Sharon Corner; **Temporary Tamer/Director:** Emily Florence; **Director:** Caroline Collantes; **Membership:** Barbara Tomayko

Absent: **Membership:** Pat Licata; **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas; **3rd Vice President:** Arlene Rich; **Director:** Claire Donohoe; **Director/Tamer,** Nicki Buell; **Immediate Past President:** Darcy Jennings

Guest: New Member, **Charlene C. Fines.** Charlene has agreed to be on the slate of candidates for Internal Club Secretary.

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri

- 1) **Amendment to the February 26, 2026, BOD Minutes:** On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, an amendment was made to the February 26, 2026, Board of Directors (BOD) minutes regarding a new member. Membership requested that **Danielle M. Pilon** be considered for BOD approval without the written application. Pat Licata located Danielle's application on her cell phone and read it to the BOD, confirming that Danielle had completed her dinner and service requirements. On her application, Danielle expressed interest in assisting with several activities, including Eyeglass Recycling, the Food Pantry, the School Supply Drive, and the Yard Sale. Danielle is being sponsored by Emily Florence.

A **motion** to approve Danielle's membership was made by Heidi Brown and seconded by Darcy Jennings. The motion was passed, officially approving Danielle M. Pilon as a member. Danielle was scheduled to be inducted in March but was unable to attend at the last minute; therefore, she will be inducted in May instead.

Approval of Amended Minutes

After reading the amendment to the minutes from the February 26, 2026, BOD meeting, Secretary Gloria Bishop Oliveri requested a motion to approve the amended minutes. **Motion** was made by Sharon Corner and seconded by Loretta Lafley. The **motion** passed, confirming approval of the amended minutes.

- 2) **Monthly Reports:** Committee Chairs for: **February 2026**

PS= 3,046 L= 110 H= 593 \$= \$163

***Book Sale: \$163.00**

- 3) **New Members:**

- A) **Susan Haynes**, approved by the BOD on 01/22/26 was inducted at our March dinner meeting. Susan is being sponsored by Julie Phend,
- B) On March 10, 2026, Gloria Bishop Oliveri, Club Secretary, submitted a formal request via email to the Board of Directors. The purpose of this request was to seek approval for **Charlene C. Fines** to become a new club member. The intention was to induct Charlene Fines at the upcoming March 2026 dinner meeting. Charlene Fines is being sponsored by Kathy Merritt.

A **motion** to officially approve the membership of **Charlene** was made by Beth Newton and seconded by Heidi Brown. **The motion was then carried.** Charlene was inducted at our March dinner meeting.

4) **Change of Status Request:** **Janice Johnston** requested via email dated March 17, 2026, to change her status to MAL. **Motion** to approve made by: Sharon Corner. Seconded by: Emily Florence.

Motion was then carried.

5) **Old Business:**

- A) Louisa County Lions Club Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 24th. Donalda Lovelace and Gloria Bishop Oliveri represented our club.
- B) On Tuesday, Mar 17, 2026, at 7:34 AM Heidi requested and received approval via email to fund \$165 total for Lynne Kovach and Deborah Raines to attend training on the new website. **Motion** to approve made by Mary Lou Ambros and seconded by Emily Florence. **Motion** passed.
- C) 103rd Lions of Virginia State Convention is being held in Bristol, VA on May 28– 31, 2026. As of this date we have three Lionesses attending: Darcy Jennings, Barbara Tomayko and Gloria Bishop Oliveri.

Foundation Treasurer, Loretta Lafley:

February 2026 Report:

- 1) **Total Income:** \$15,160.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$1,740.00
- 3) **Adjusted Bank Balance:** \$63,052.91
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$30,350.04

Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton

February 2026 Report:

- 1) **Total Income:** \$1,990.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$1,975,63
- 3) **Cash Balance Checking:** \$9,715.29
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$10,000.00

President's Report: Heidi Brown

- 1) Heidi Reviewed **slate for 2025-2026 BOD** which she will be presenting to membership at our April dinner meeting. **You may view the slate at the end of the minutes.**
- 2) Listen Up program, which we are co-chairing with LOW Lions, will be taking place on April 11, 2026. More information will be provided in the LOWDOWN.
- 3) Heidi is still working on our Constitution and Bylaws and will have it finished for presentation before this term ends.

1st Vice President: Mary Lou Ambrose

- 1) Upcoming Spring Yard Sale is being held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, between 10AM and 2PM.
 - A) Mary Lou and Heidi have agreed to chair our Spring Yard Sale and have recruited 18 Lionesses to help. Email will go out requesting donations and instructions on where to drop off. Set up time is on the 18th between 8-9AM.
 - B) Teresa Wisniewski will obtain and deliver tables. Barbara Tomayko will provide folding chairs.
 - C) Lioness Brochures will be placed at each table for attendees to take.
 - D) Mary Lou continues to gather and organize Lionesses items so we can evaluate what size of storage is needed.

2nd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski

- 1) **Shimmery Shamrock Gala** – Quick Meeting Report
 - A) **Financial Results**
 - Revenue: \$24,247
 - Expenses: \$14,154
 - Net Profit: \$10,093

B) Key Highlights

- Well-attended and successful event
- Wine Pull and Pie Draw were very popular
- Donated auction items helped keep expenses down
- Bundled baskets increased bidding and excitement

2) Upcoming Dates to Note

- A) Concert on the Point (50/50 Sales for Lioness): September 18
- B) Shimmery Shamrock Gala 2027: March 13 at the Clubhouse (Band: Reunion Band)

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

1) Review of Notification Procedures for dinner meetings:

Ann to review the current procedures for notifying the club about dinner cancellations. Specifically, the review will focus on removing phone notifications and the option to sign up at the dinner meeting.

2) Proposed Changes from the Tamers: The Tamers have recommended updating the wording in the LOWDOWN Newsletter. The suggested language is as follows:

FROM THE TAMERS:

The LOW Lioness Lions Club dinner meeting will be held at the clubhouse. There will be a social gathering at 5:15 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM, on the second Thursday of each month except January. If you are unable to attend, you **MUST** email or text all three Tamers by noon on the Monday before the meeting, or you will be billed \$30.

Please also contact the Tamers about guests or alternate meal requests by that Monday. Written email or text documentation of cancellation from the Tamers will serve as proof that your notice of nonattendance was received. Contact only the Tamers. Please **DO NOT** contact the clubhouse.

Directors: Nicki Buell, Caroline Collantes, Claire Donohoe, Emily Florence

1) March 31, 2026, Outing:

Directors plan to visit Mary Washington University's Great Lives speaker program. The author, Tim Greiving, will discuss his biography of John Williams, the famous film music composer (Star Wars). 10 or more Lionesses will be attending.

1) A future outing will be organizing and signing up small groups for Happy Hours to be hosted at various Lionesses' homes. More information to follow.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at: 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness, Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 2

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the Slate of Officers for the 2026-2027 term for membership approval:

2026-2027 Proposed Board of Directors

President:	Mary Lou Ambrose
1st Vice President:	Caroline Collantes
2nd Vice President:	Nicole Pappas
3rd Vice President:	Teresa Wisniewski
Secretary - Admin:	Charlene Fines
Secretary - Liaison to VA Lions:	Gloria Bishop Oliveri
Treasurer - Foundation:	Loretta Laterra
Treasurer - Admin:	Beth Newton
Tail Twister:	Darcy Jennings
Membership:	1. Pat Licata 2. Kathy Merritt 3. Gloria Bishop Oliveri 4. Barbara Tomayko
Tamers:	1. Sharon Corner 2. Ann Turner 3. Diane Wiard
Directors:	1. Nicki Buell, 2 nd year 2. Claire Donahoe, 2 nd year 3. Emily Florence, 2 nd year 4. Kathy Merritt, 1 st year
Immediate Past President:	Heidi Brown