

Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Clubhouse – Lower Level

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

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:** Sharon Corner, Ann Turner; **Temporary Tamer/Director:** Emily Florence; **Directors:** Claire Donohoe; **Membership:** Pat Licata, Barbara Tomayko

Absent: 3rd Vice President: Arlene Rich; **Director:** Caroline Collantes; **Director/Tamer,** Nicki Buell; **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas; **Immediate Past President:** Darcy Jennings

Guest: Member, **Charlene C. Fines**

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri

- 1) **Motion** to approve Minutes from the **March 26, BOD meeting**, which were previously submitted. **Motion** to approve made by Ann Turner and seconded by Emily Florence. The motion was carried.
- 2) **Monthly Reports:** Committee Chairs for: **February 2026**
PS= 4,427 L= 189 H= 1,339 \$= \$10,295.00
***Book Sale: \$201.00 Shimmering Shamrock Gala= \$10,094.00**
- 3) **New Members:**
 - A) Danielle Pilon, whose membership was approved by the Board of Directors on February 26, 2026, will be inducted at the May dinner meeting. Danielle is being sponsored by Emily Florence.
- 4) **Old Business: Presentation of the 2026-2027 Board of Directors Slate**
 - A) On April 9, 2026, during our dinner meeting, President Heidi Brown formally introduced the slate of nominees for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors. President Brown requested the membership's approval of the proposed slate.
Approval Process: Following the introduction, a motion to approve the Board of Directors slate was made by Sharon Corner. The motion was seconded by Carol Greeney. The membership then proceeded to vote on the motion.
Motion Adoption: The motion to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Directors slate was carried. The approval was officially recorded at 7:15 PM.
 - B) Reminded BOD of the **103rd Lions of Virginia State Convention. Dates:** May 28 – 31, 2026.
Location: Delta Hotel by Marriott Bristol, 3135 Linden Drive, Bristol, VA 24202.

Foundation Treasurer, Loretta Lafley

March 2026 Report:

- 1) **Total Income:** \$11,026.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$27,925.77
- 3) **Adjusted Bank Balance:** \$46,153.14
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$30,430.31

Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton

March 2026 Report:

- 1) **Total Income:** \$2,304.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$2,080.98
- 3) **Cash Balance Checking:** \$9,938.31
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$10,000.00
- 5) **CD Int. 03/31/26:** \$153.48
- 6) **Reviewed 2026-2027 Proposed Budget: Motion** to approve proposed budget made by Claire Donohoe and seconded by Emily Florence. The motion was carried.
- 7) **Annual Membership Dues Notification:** Beth will begin the process of collecting the annual Membership Dues, which are set at \$85.00. She will initiate requests for payment immediately to ensure timely submission. The request for payment will also be posted in the May issue of the LOWDOWN. This announcement is intended to remind members that the dues need to be paid soon.
- 8) Beth just renewed the CD for another six months. Current earned interest is at 3.8%

President's Report: Heidi Brown

- 1) **Constitution & Bylaws** are now official and will be posted soon in our Lioness website.
- 2) **Dinner Meal Pricing** remains at \$30.00 for now.
- 3) **Donation request:** Heidi received an email from Lion Davita Luehrs regarding a donation to Vision Walk for Foundation Fighting Blindness. Heidi requested that we donate \$500.00. **Motion** to approve donation made by Barbara Tomayko and seconded by Pat Licata. The motion was carried.
- 4) **Appreciation for Book Sale Committee - Recognizing Dedication and Commitment**
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Ann Walker, Helene Burns, and Sherri Lasover** for their exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to our organization.
Continued Impact and Service - These three outstanding Lioness members, along with their committee, have consistently raised funds for our club over many years. Their steadfast service and enthusiasm have made a lasting impact on our fundraising initiatives, and we are truly grateful for everything they have accomplished on behalf of the club.
- 5) Thank you, **Gina Davies**, for accepting to chair **Book Sale 2026-2027**.

1st Vice President: Mary Lou Ambrose

- 1) **Spring Yard Sale:** Mary Lou reported that our yard sale was a huge success. We raised \$1,241.56. Thank you, Mary Lou and Heidi **AND** the 21 participants that helped.
- 2) **Storage Shed:** Thank you to Sharla for continuing to store Lioness stuff. Barbara will continue to research shed size and cost.

2nd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski

- 1) **4th of July Parade:** The planning has already started. Teresa has already sent paperwork and will report progress. Thank you, Emily Florence, for sharing your knowledge!

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

- 1) Ann is still waiting for information from Clubhouse Management but for now meal cost remains at \$30.00

Membership: Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko

- 1) Membership Committee - Danielle Pilon will be inducted at the May dinner meeting. No new membership applications are presented.
- 2) Pat gave update on scholarship applications for Germanna candidates. Committee has interviewed final round of Germana applicants and will be meeting to choose finalists. The scholarship committee has yet to discuss the OC High School candidates.

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

- 1) Claire announced that Directors are working on additional outings and will have more information soon.

Immediate Past President: Darcy Jennings

- 1) **Proposal for School Donation in Tanzania:** While in her absence, Darcy requested that Barbara inform the Board of her interest in exploring the possibility of donating to the schools visited by Heidi during her recent trip to Tanzania. Heidi will provide the Board with detailed information about these schools and the potential donation at the upcoming board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness, Lions Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 2