

Minutes for the Club Board of Directors Meeting

Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club

Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Community Center, Room 2

Club BOD Meeting called to Order by President, Heidi Brown at 5:38 p.m.

Present: **President:** Heidi Brown; **Secretary:** Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Foundation Treasurer:** Loretta Lafley; **Administrative Treasurer:** Beth Newton; **1st Vice President:** Mary Lou Ambrose (via phone); **2nd Vice President:** Teresa Wisniewski; **3rd Vice President:** Arlene Rich; **Tamers:** Sharon Corner, Ann Turner; **Temporary Tamer/Director:** Emily Florence; **Directors:** Caroline Collantes, Emily Florence; **Membership:** Pat Licata, Barbara Tomayko; **Immediate Past President:** Darcy Jennings

Absent: **Directors:** Nicki Buell, Claire Donohoe; **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas

Guest: New Member, **Charlene Fines**

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri

- 1) Motion requested to approve Minutes from the **May 28th, BOD meeting**, which were previously submitted.

Motion to approve made by Darcy Jennings and seconded by Sharon Corner. **The motion was carried.**

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

PS= 4,193

L= 177

H= 874

\$295.00*

***Book Sale: \$293.00**

***Dinner Meeting 50/50: \$48.00**

***Tail Twister: \$2.00**

- 3) **Lions of VA, 103rd State Convention**, was held on May 28th through May 31st, 2026, in Bristol, VA.

Darcy Jennings, Gloria Bishop Oliveri and Barbara Tomayko attended.

- A) LOW Lioness Lions Club was recognized and received the **March Madness Emblem**, and it will be displayed on our new banner.

- B) Gloria had the honor of meeting **Lion Davita Luehrs** and **Lion Chubbs**, her working puppy.



Lion Davita serves as **District 24L Sight Chair for the Foundation Fighting Blindness**. Lion Davita shared that, thanks to the generosity of clubs like ours, she surpassed her fundraising goal. She also offered to visit our club in the future and bring Lion Chubbs to meet everyone.

- C) Darcy Jennings recommended submitting a brief write-up regarding the State Convention to the LOW Lake Currents.

- 3) **New Members:**

The following new members are being inducted in **July 2026:**

- A) **Louise Hoh**, sponsored by Heidi Brown.

- B) **Camellia (Cam) Miller**, also being sponsored by Heidi Brown.

- C) **Jacqueline Mills** is being sponsored by Mary Lou Ambrose.

Motion to approve new members made by Barbara Tomayko and Seconded by Ann Turner.

The motion carried.

- D) **Ruth Golden** was previously approved by the BOD (05/29/26) and will also be inducted in July. Ruth is being sponsored by Anne LeHuray.

Note: **Angie Lange**, sponsored by Mary Lou Ambrose, is still in the process of completing the membership requirements and will be inducted at a later date.

4) **Change of Status Request:**

A) **Cathy O'Brien** requested to return from AFL to Active membership, effective immediately.

Motion to approve made by Darcy Jennings and seconded by Loretta Lafley. **The motion carried.**

5) **Resignations:**

A) **Margaret Haight** submitted her resignation via email dated 06/03/26 and effective July 1, 2026. Margaret is moving to Colorado.

B) **Kathy Kutz** emailed her resignation to Heidi. Kathy has been a lioness since October 2024.

C) **Ann Rosenfeld** emailed her resignation to the Tamers. Ann has been a Lioness since March 2025.

Motion to approve made by Barbara Tomayko and seconded by Beth Newton. **The motion carried.**

Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton

May 2026 Report:

1) **Total Income:** \$2,745.00

2) **Total Expenses:** \$2,045.60

3) **Cash Balance Checking:** \$10,740.93

4) **CD Balance:** \$10,000.00

5) **Membership Dues:**

Receipt of membership dues underway. 48 Members have paid to date.

Missed dinner meeting fees are also being collected.

President's Report: Heidi Brown

1) **LOW Lioness Bench** – Heidi to coordinate placement of new bench.

2) **Banner** – Barbara Tomayko has agreed to create the second Lioness Banner.

3) **Dinner Menu Options and Pricing.** Tamers have selected menus for the next four months. Ann Turner will provide Heidi with a copy of the updated Clubhouse requirements regarding headcount notifications, pricing, etc. to support Heidi's upcoming discussion with LOW General Manager, Bernie Guthrie.

4) **Club Board of Directors** – Responsible for all Club activities.

5) **Foundation Board of Directors** – Responsible for all **Foundation** fundraising and distribution of said funds.

1st Vice President: Mary Lou Ambrose

1) **July Dinner Meeting:** The July Dinner Meeting theme will be **Friendship**. Seidah Armstrong, a representative from Sweet Vines Farm Winery will serve as our guest speaker.

2) **Beach Social:** Thank you to the Directors for hosting a wonderful Beach Social at the Pleasant Grove Beach on June 18, 2026.

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

1) **Update on Deadline Notification for Lioness Dinners**

Due to a recent change in requirements from the LOW Clubhouse, there has been an adjustment to the process for notifying the Tamers about attendance and meal preference for the Lioness Dinners.

A) **Notification Procedure:** All attendees are now required to send an email to all three Tamers by noon on the Thursday prior to the scheduled dinner. This ensures that attendance and meal preference are properly recorded in advance.

B) **Payment Instructions:** As a reminder, it is appreciated if Lionesses bring the correct change of \$30 or have a check prepared before arriving at the check-in desk. This helps to streamline the check-in process and avoid delays.

C) Tamers will communicate with all membership via email and post in the LOWDOWN of all the above changes.

Membership: Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko

- 1) Membership provided **Secretary** Gloria Bishop Oliveri the completed applications for **Louise Hoh, Cam Miller, Jacqueline Mills and Ruth Golden.**
- 2) The **New Member Orientation** dinner is scheduled for July 2, 2026, at Bella Cucina Italian at 5:00 p.m. Membership Committee will send invitations to prospective new members, sponsors, and selected board members.

There being no further business to come before the **LOW Lioness Lions Club Board of Directors** at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness, Lions Secretary

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