

**Minutes for the Club Board of Directors Meeting
Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club
Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
Community Center, Room 2**

Club BOD Meeting called to Order by President, Mary Lou Ambrose at 5:31 p.m.

Present: **President:** Mary Lou Ambrose
 1st Vice President: Caroline Collantes
 2nd Vice President: Nicole Pappas
 Foundation Secretary/24L Liaison: Gloria Bishop Oliveri
 Foundation Treasurer: Loretta Lafley
 Tamers: Ann Turner, Sharon Corner and Diane Wiard
 Membership: Pat Licata; Kathy Merritt, Gloria Bishop Oliveri and Barbara Tomayko
 Directors: Nicki Buell; Claire Donohoe; Emily Florence and Kathy Merritt
 Immediate Past President: Heidi Brown

Absent: **Administrative Secretary:** Charlene Fines
 Administrative Treasurer: Beth Newton
 3rd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski
 Tail Twister: Darcy Jennings

Secretary's Report: Gloria Bishop Oliveri **for Charlene Fines**

1) Motion requested to approve Minutes for the **July 23, 2026, BOD Club meeting**, which were previously submitted. **Motion** to approve made by Barbara Tomayko and seconded by Pat Licata. **Motion** passed by a majority vote.

2) **Monthly Reports:** Committee Chairs for: **July 2026**

PS= 4,449	L= 194	H= 517	\$268.00*
*Book Sale: \$133.00	*Dinner Meeting 50/50: \$60.00	*School Supplies: \$75.00	

3) **Old Business:**

A) **24-L Visitation and Awards Luncheon** was held on Saturday, 08/22/26 in Remington, VA, hosted by Remington Lions Club. **129 members attended.** Nine Lionesses were there! **Mary Lou Ambrose, Caroline Collantes, Heidi Brown, Loretta Lafley, Charlene Fines, Barbara Tomayko, Kathy Merritt, Teresa Wisniewski and Gloria Bishop Oliveri.**

B) **Awards:** LOW Lioness Lions Club received the following awards.

Visitation Emblem, our club had 13 visitation events.

5 Star Leadership Development, training completed by all 5 officers.

100% Treasurer, Beth Newton

100% Secretary, Gloria Bishop Oliveri

4) **New Members:**

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

A) **Angie Laing**, sponsored by Mary Lou Ambrose.

B) **Angie Long**, sponsored by Maggie Broadwater & Cheryl Murray.

Motion to approve new members made by Barbara Tomayko and seconded by Loretta Lafley. **Motion** passed by a majority vote.

C) **Camellia (Cam) Miller**, sponsored by Heidi Brown, was approved by BOD on June 25, 2026.

5) **Change of Status Request:**

A) **Judy Pendergrass** requested change to AFL status on 08/20/26.

B) **Yvette Ruiz** requested change to AFL status on 08/05/26.

Motion to approve both requests made by Nicki Buell and seconded by Emily Florence. **Motion** passed by a majority vote.

Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton:

July 2026 Report	
Total Income	\$3,975.00
Total Expenses	\$4,271.02
Income over (under) Expenses	(\$296.02)
Cash Balance Checking	\$14,060.29
CD Balance	\$10,000.00
Total Admin Funds	\$24,060.29

President's Report: Mary Lou Ambrose

- 1) Congratulations to **Beth Newton** on earning the **100% Treasurer's Award for the 2025-2026 term!**
- 2) Congratulations to **Gloria Bishop Olivieri** on earning the **100% Secretary's Award for the 2025-2026 term!**
- 3) **Items for the Lioness shed.** Mary Lou reminded us to bring all items still being stored in homes.
- 4) **Lioness Dinner Pricing.** Mary Lou and her team are still working through Clubhouse pricing. We do know that our dinner meeting for September 2026 is still at \$30.00 per member.
- 5) **Lioness Bench:** The newest bench is at Mary Lou's house and still needs to be placed at an approved designated area. Heidi Brown reported that the signage has been corrected.
- 6) **Fall Festival:** Is a fun LOW Community event which is scheduled for **October 3, 2026, from 10 am to 4 p.m.** Fun games and activities are being planned. **Mary Lou needs a Lioness to chair this event** along with volunteers. Setting up time starts at 9 a.m.
- 7) **Hazardous Materials:** The Lionesses have once again received an invitation to participate along with **LOWLINC** and LOW Lions in collecting hazardous materials for proper disposal. Members and volunteers are asked to meet in the lower parking lot on Friday, **October 16, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

2nd Vice President: Nicole Pappas

1) Nicole reviewed the 2026-2027 schedule for guest speakers:

July 9, 2026: Seidah Armstrong, Sweet Vines Owner

August 13, 2026: **Edna Reid** spoke to us about her Scam Awareness Lion Program

October 8, 2026: **Jessica Yeager**, Disability Awareness and Support Animal.

November 12, 2026: 24L 2026-2027 District Governor, **Chuck Schwab**

March 11, 2027: **Lauren Wynn**, Safe House Executive Director

Membership: Pat Licata, Kathy Merritt, Gloria Bishop Oliveri and Barbara Tomayko

"Welcome New Membership" Kit: Gloria has ordered and received 15 "Welcome New Membership" kits.

These kits are provided to us completely free of charge by Lions International.

A) **Certificate of Membership:** Each certificate is signed by **Mark S. Lyon, the 2026-2027**

International President. The certificate will also bear the signatures of the member's sponsor and our club president.

B) **Pins:** In addition, each new member will receive both a **Lions pin and a Mission 1.5 pin** as part of their kit.

C) **Sponsor Recognition:** The Lioness who sponsors a new member will also receive a **Sponsor Certificate** as well as a **Sponsor pin and a Mission 1.5 pin.**

Directors: Nicki Buell, Clair Donohoe, Emily Florence and Kathy Merritt

1) **Tie Dye T-shirts:** Claire Donohoe reported that 21 members have already signed up for this event. It has been scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Nicki's house. Cost is \$20.00

2) **Christmas Wreaths:** This event is still in the process of scheduling. More information to follow.

There being no further business to come before the **LOW Lioness Lions Club Board of Directors** at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Gloria Bishop Oliveri, LOW Lioness, Lions Foundation Secretary/24L Liaison

for

Charlene C. Fines, LOW Lioness Lions Administrative Secretary

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. **in the Clubhouse, Oak Room**