Minutes for the Club Board of Directors Meeting
Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club
Thursday, October 22, 2026
LOW Clubhouse Oak Room at 5:30 p.m.

Club BOD Meeting was 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
Administrative Secretary: Charlene Fines
Administrative Treasurer: Beth Newton
Foundation Treasurer: Loretta Lafley
Membership: Pat Licata
Directors: Nicki Buell; Claire Donohoe and Emily Florence
Tamers: Sharon Corner and Diane Wiard
Tail Twister: Darcy Jennings
Immediate Past President: Heidi Brown

Absent:
3rd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski
Foundation Secretary/24L Liaison: Gloria Bishop Oliveri
Membership: Barbara Tomayko
Director/Membership: Kathy Merritt
Tamer: Ann Turner

Secretary's Report: Charlene Fines

1) Motion requested to approve **Minutes** from the **September 24, 2026, BOD meeting,** which were previously submitted.
A **Motion** to approve was made by Nicole Pappas and seconded by Darcy Jennings. The **Motion was carried**.

2) **Monthly Report:** Committee Chairs reporting for September 2026 will be provided in the November report by Gloria Bishop Oliveri.

3) **Current Membership Totals:**
The following table reflects the current Membership totals as of October 22, 2026:

Lioness Membership	From 9/24/2026	By	To 10/22/2026
Active Members	79		79
Affiliate Members	8	-1*	7
Members at Large	3		3
Total Members	90	-1*	89

*Reflects the passing of Helene Burns.

4) **Change of Status Request:**
Theresa Dicicco requested change to MAL status on 10/19/2026.

A **Motion** to approve was made by Sharon Corner and seconded by Loretta Lafley. The **Motion was carried**.

Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton**:**

September 2026 Report	
Total Income	$2,730.00
Total Expenses	$2,757.69
Income over (under) Expenses	($27.69)
Cash Balance Checking	$13,931.00
CD Balance	$10,000.00
Total Admin Funds	**$23,931.00**

1) The CD matured on 10/15/2026 and was renewed for an additional 13 months to benefit from an increase in the interest rate. The earned interest of $188.99 for the 6 months has been deposited into the Admin checking account. The next renewal is scheduled for November 15, 2027.
2) Admin tax return filed (990N).
3) The Admin books have been shared with Darla Curnutte for Audit.

President's Report: Mary Lou Ambrose

1) The **Funeral Service for Helene Burns** is Wednesday, October 28th at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 11:30 a.m.
   - Lionesses are encouraged to wear purple sash.

2) The **Halloween Trunk or Treat** is Friday, October 30th at the Clubhouse Lower-Level Parking Lot 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
   - Join us to help decorate the truck at 5:00 p.m. and dress as a witch (pink or black hats encouraged)!
   - The Lioness and Lions will have neighboring spaces.
   - Charlene will follow-up with Community Operations to inquire about our assigned space number.

3) The **Lioness Christmas Dinner Meeting** is scheduled for **December 10th** at the Clubhouse. Lionesses are encouraged to bring a $5-$10 wrapped gift for exchange at their tables. Christmas music will play during dinner and Ian Sage will entertain us with his amazing vocals.

4) Mary Lou and Caroline have requested the purchase of note cards with the Lioness logo for Thank You notes, etc. Charlene will research sources for a rate of $1.00 or less per card and order accordingly.

   A **Motion** to approve the **purchase of notecards at a price of not to exceed $1.00 per card** was made by Sharon Corner and seconded by Pat Licata. The **Motion was carried**.

5) **The next BOD Meetings** will be held **November 19, 2026**, and **January 14, 2027** (combining December and January), due to Holiday conflicts.

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

November 2026 Inductions Planned:

Name	Sponsor	Application	Service Completed		Dinners Attended		Board Approval	Orientation Dinner
			#1	#2	#1	#2		
Michelle Funk	Jacqs Mills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10/22/2026	10/28/2026
Traci Nicol	Heidi Brown	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10/22/2026	10/28/2026
Lisa Shiere	Caroline Collantes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10/22/2026	10/28/2026

A **Motion** to approve **Funk, Nicol and Shiere as new Members** was made by Pat Licata and seconded by Beth Newton. The **Motion was carried**.

Future Planned Inductees:

Name	Sponsor	Application	Service Completed		Dinners Attended		Board Approval	Orientation Dinner
			#1	#2	#1	#2		
Angie Long	Maggie Broadwater and Cheryl Murrary	✓	✓	✓	✓		8/27/2026	
Bev McInnis	Kathy Merritt							
Roberta (Bert) Rihner	Gloria Bishop Oliveri							

2nd VP's Report: Nicole Pappas

1) Lioness participation in coordination with LOWLINC in Train-the-Trainer training is underway to educate the LOW community regarding scams targeting the elderly. The training is intended to help residents recognize scams and share tips for what to do if targeted.

2) Nicole will confirm the guest speaker for the April 2027 dinner meeting.

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

1) The **Tie-Dye** event held October 15th was great fun and raised $95 for the Administrative Fund. Special thanks to Nicki Buell for hosting the fun event in her lovely home. Event participants are encouraged to wear their masterpieces at our November dinner meeting.

2) Back by popular demand, the Directors have planned a Wreath Making event at Gobbler Hill Farm (Carrico Mills Rd.) for Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. The Cost is $50. Emily will provide details for registration to Caroline to facilitate an e-mail announcement to the Lionesses.

   A **Motion** to approve the **$50 price** for the **Wreath Making event** was made by Mary Lou Ambrose and seconded by Emily Florence. The **Motion was carried**.

There being no further business to come before the **LOW Lioness Lions Club Board of Directors** at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Charlene C. Fines, LOW Lioness, Lions Administrative Secretary

Next Club BOD Meeting: November 19, 2026, at the Community Center, Conference Room 2 (Room to be confirmed by Charlene).