

Ladies of the Evening (LOTE)

Secretary's Report – Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Officers:

- **Joanna Dill**, President
 - **Donna Schad**, Treasurer
 - **Jenna Ring**, Secretary
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Joanna Dill.

Approval of Spring Business Meeting Minutes

Secretary Jenna Ring summarized the minutes from the May 6, 2025, meeting to help set the agenda for the current session.

- **Motion:** Beth Sennett moved to accept the minutes as written/read.
 - **Second:** Beverly Patton.
 - **Outcome:** Motion carried; minutes approved.
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Treasurer's Report

Presented by Treasurer Donna Schad.

- **Motion:** Patty Bishop moved to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- **Second:** Terry Vance.
- **Outcome:** Motion carried; report accepted.

Financial Summary:

- Balance as of May 6, 2025: **\$1,717.01**
 - Total Income: **\$5,005.00**
 - Total Expenses: **\$4,598.67**
 - Balance as of August 26, 2025: **\$2,123.34**
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Old Business

- Joanna reported that there are 63 total members, with 8 members currently without handicaps. A \$10 fee applies to manage and release a handicap.
 - Joanna will provide Christine Street with an updated membership list. They are also working on a more efficient way to collect information on new members.
 - Dyni Weber reminded everyone that soaps and shampoos are still being collected by both leagues for the battered women's organization. Donations can be left in the downstairs women's locker room.
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New Business

Supplies

- Special thanks to **Beth Sennett** for volunteering to review and organize the LOTE supply tubs in the basement to determine what to keep or discard.

Prizes

- Grand prizes for the season were announced.
- **Interclub:** Reported by **Jane Bagnell**—LOTE won! This is Jane's last year overseeing the 9-hole interclub; **Beth Sennett** will take over next year.
- **Weekly Prizes:** Due to rising costs of Titleist golf balls, this was the last season logoed balls were purchased. Discussion followed about prize alternatives for next year—options include plain white balls or cash prizes.
 - **Motion:** Christine Street moved to tally weekly winners and award cash prizes at the end of the year.
 - **Second:** Beverly Patton.
 - **Outcome:** Motion passed.
 - Officers will discuss prize money amounts and bring proposals to the next meeting.

2026 Officer Nominations

- **Motion:** Diana Vissering moved to have all current officers continue in their positions for 2026, with Terry Vance taking over for Donna as she has been training.
 - **Joanna Dill**, President
 - **Terry Vance**, Treasurer
 - **Jenna Ring**, Secretary
- **Second:** Christine Street.
- **Outcome:** Motion passed unanimously.

2026 League Events

- It was suggested to rename the LOTE **Opening Match** to avoid confusion with other club events.
- Joanna noted that there are no events in June but two in August.
 - Guest Night
 - **Motion:** Donna Schad motioned to move **Guest Night** to the **second week of June** to accommodate new members and ensure one event per month.
 - **Second:** Patty Bishop.
 - **Outcome:** Motion passed.
 - Christine Street's group organized Guest Night 2025 but was rained out and will not volunteer again; others can use their ideas.
 - **Volunteers for 2026 Guest Night:** Patty Bishop, Jenna Ring, Teresa Steach, Catherine Kussmann, and Beth Sennett. They will develop new ideas for the event.
 - Play Night
 - **Motion:** Stephanie Wolf motioned to hold **Play Night** on the **second week of July**.
 - **Second:** Nancy Wilsey.
 - **Outcome:** Motion passed.
 - Opening Match
 - **Motion:** Christine Street proposed that the first and last outings of the season be **ABCD scrambles**.
 - **Amendment:** Catherine Kussmann amended the motion so that only the first scramble will follow the ABCD format (front nine), and the final outing will be pick-your-partner on the back nine.
 - **Second:** Nancy Wilsey.
 - **Outcome:** Amendment passed.

- Joanna will coordinate with the pro shop and office to finalize dates and add them to the calendar.
 - **2026 LOTE Events** (each will include a dinner):
 - May 5th - Opening Scramble (ABCD Format, teams will be randomly selected)
 - June 9th - Guest Night
 - July 14th - Play Night
 - August 25th - Closing Scramble

New Member Inclusion

- **Discussion:** Patty Bishop raised concerns about challenges new members face when joining—many lack playing partners but want to participate. Suggestions included:
 - Setting aside specific times for new members to join existing groups.
 - Encouraging more inclusive pairings during league play.
 - Terry Vance noted that the league was designed for friends to play together and should remain an evening league.
 - Nancy Wilsey suggested establishing a set arrival time for new members to form groups.
 - **Outcome:** No final decision; this will be addressed as part of **Christine Street's new member ambassador** responsibilities.
 - Officers will review tee times for next year, considering expanding the range (e.g., 4–6 p.m.) for those who play earlier in the day.
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Adjournment

- **Motion:** Patty Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Second:** Catherine Kussmann.
 - **Outcome:** Motion passed; meeting adjourned by President Joanna Dill.
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