

## Matlacha Hookers - 2017 General Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

### Call to Order

Madam DouZie called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. Madam DouZie lead the group in the pledge of allegiance and the Invocation was given by Linda Lee. There were 58 members in attendance.

New Members: Helen Andrews introduced new members. Madam DouZie administered the Hooker Oath to new members Angee Romero, Dawn Raymond and Dora Rogers. New members then received their Lei's. Vice Madam Helen thanked call girls Toni Trivelli and Sheila Walters for helping at tonight's meeting.

### Board Reports

Madam "DouZie" - Julia Simpson

- 50/50. It was decided at the Board Meeting to donate the proceeds from tonight's 50/50 raffle to Brenda Swett who is receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- New Business.
  - Scholarships. The Board voted to approve raising the amount of the scholarships from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Motion was made by Dee Hanks to raise the amount of the scholarships from \$1,500 to \$2,000. During discussion, D.J.Ruscik explained that the additional funding of \$500 would come out of the general fund to make up the difference on those scholarships already pledged at \$1,500. Theresa Kramer reminded everyone that during her year as Madam, the scholarship amounts were raised but that the increased amounts were never acted upon. After additional discussion, the motion was presented for a vote. Motion passed.
- 2017 Committee Chairs. Lorie Tidwell and Beth Nelson will co-chair the merchandise committee effective immediately. Bonnie Gunnoe has agreed to coordinate the volunteers for Mango Mania.

Vice Madam's Report.

Vice Madam Helen Andrews recognized the Hookers who have birthdays in February and the group sang Happy Birthday. Next month the call girls will be D.J. Ruscik and Dawn Raymond. Helen is working to finalize the arrangements for the annual Hookers Night Out. The potential date will be in early April. A Hooker Herald will be sent with further details.

Secretary's Report.

Secretary Jeanene Whittaker presented the January 2017 Minutes for review and approval. There being no questions or discussion, motion was made by Vickie Morrison to accept the Minutes. Motion passed. The Secretary called for a volunteer to take over the compilation and distribution of the Hooker Heralds. Sonya Leonard has agreed to continue to maintain the database for the remainder of 2017 but we will need someone to step up at the end of the year. Madam Julia informed the membership of discussions the Board has had with respect to the maintenance of the database and whether that should reside with the Treasurer or the Vice Madam.

Financial Report.

Treasurer Ginny Neff indicated a number of changes need to be made to the financial reports so approval of the financials will be deferred to the March meeting. Ginny addressed one change the Board approved to the 2017 Budget to raise the scholarship budget from \$12,000 to \$16,000 which more accurately reflects the amount that is being spent.

Chaplain's Report.

The Chaplain's report was provided by Linda Lee. There were no card showers in January. Anyone who would like to have a card shower can notify the Chaplain Billie Young or the Madam. A card shower for Kat DiTrapani was requested

by Janice Eitelgeorge. There was one hardship request received in January. The next Adopt-A-Road will be on February 23. The all occasion note cards were not available in January but will be available in March.

Madam DouZie updated the membership on the status of ongoing **Fundraisers**:

A. Dedicated

- 1) Beacon of Hope – Veni, Vidi, Vino. Co-Chairs Darlene Widirstky and Nancy Chandler presented the membership with an update to the event being held this Sunday, February 19 at Alden Pines Country Club. Tickets are still available.
- 2) Scholarships. Peg Cruckshank provided the update. A Scholarship application announcement has been placed in the Eagle. The application has been updated and is online. The postmarked deadline for scholarship applications is April 7, 2017. Certification, Licensing and Vocational Programs will also be eligible for the scholarship program this year.
  - Art Fest – Lorie Tidwell and Theresa Kramer reported on the results of the Art Fest event held last weekend. The total raised was \$4,032.25 A raffle prize was drawn for all volunteers that worked the event. The winner of the Art Fest raffle was Laurie Sternoski.
  - Note Cards – no report.
  - Bag & Tag – D.J. Ruscik and Beth Nelson reported on the event to be held March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 2:00 at Cambio Dermatology. The first sorting is scheduled for this Thursday February 16 at 9:00 am. 7830 Lobeane Lane, Bokeelia. The next planning meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dee Hanks is in charge of the “Hooker Hagglers” who will be negotiating prices for items. Peg Cruckshank has volunteered to collect any items for donation at this evening’s or other meetings.
- 3) PIE Derby – Madam Julia updated the membership on the possible date change due to conflicts with other events. Co-Chairs are DJ Ruscik and Toni Trivelli but we are looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> chair.

B. General

- 1) Hooker Booth. The Board has recommended the merchandise booth be set up at the Business Expo February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Church. Helen Andrews and Ginny Neff have volunteered to staff the booth with merchandise and new member information.
- 2) Mullet Toss March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Event Chair Toni Trivelli updated everyone on the event. The Mariners have extended the event to two days because the Mullet Toss contest took so long. The Hookers will be pouring beer for tips and staffing the registration booth. As a sign of appreciation for our help, the Mariners have agreed to sponsor a scholarship. See Toni for the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet to register for 2-1/2 hour shifts. The Hooker merchandise booth will also be at the event.
- 3) Merchandise is now being co-chaired by Beth Nelson and Lori Tidwell. In January, merchandise sales were \$532.00.

Madam DouZie provided an update on **Community Support Initiatives**:

A. Donations

1. Pine Island Food Pantry. Beth Nelson reported the Food Pantry has requested toilet paper, children’s cereal, bar soap and canned ravioli. Last month 108 pounds of food and a check for \$60.00 was donated to the food pantry.

B. Assistance

1. Blood Drive February 11<sup>th</sup> – D.J. Ruscik reported on the blood drive held this past weekend.
2. The next Adopt -A- Road trash pickup will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Billie for additional details. This group usually meets at the Old Fish House Marina at 8:30 a.m.
3. The “From Our Hearts“ walk will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Madam Julia will be organizing a group of walkers for the event.

**Other General Business:**

The 50/50 Drawing for Bonnie Swett in the amount of \$133 was won by Peg Cruckshank.

Bonnie Kellen reported on an event being held on February 25 at the Pine Island Methodist Church. Jeff Mahl will be displaying his vintage automobiles and talking about the Great Auto Races that were run in the early part of the 1900's.

Joanne Coreia reported on a free event to be held at the American Legion next Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion to discuss women's safety issues. Donations from the event will be given to Women's Homeless Vets.

Barbara Jameson asked for volunteers to be servers at the wine event this weekend.

The next Board Meeting will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Little Lilly's Deli. The next General Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> will be at The Sandy Hook Restaurant.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Benton. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanene Whittaker

Hooker Secretary

Next Board Meeting: March 6, Little Lilly's Deli at 6:00 pm.

Next General Meeting: March 13, Sandy Hook Restaurant at 6:30.