



MATLACHA HOOKERS
SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 8 2022

Elks Lodge, 5630 Pine Island Rd. SW, Bokeelia @ 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Anita Jannotti

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

a) 50/50: St. James City Civic Association – they let us use their grounds and building for meetings. Joanne Correia made motion to donate 50/50 to St. James City Civic Association; motion carried.

b) Hooker Business:

1. Storage Unit – Credit in process to reflect one free month. We still are not able to access our unit. DJ will continue to work on the access problem. Possibly send a letter to the corporate office.

2. Cooling Ties – Thank you to the Sewing Crew! We sold out at Mango Mania. We can sell at the Chamber office and at their merchandise booth. We have 75 made for the car show. All the money raised goes to the scholarship fund.

3. Winn-Dixie Community Bags for October! We receive \$1.00 for each sold at \$2.99. This is the 3rd time in a year we have been selected.

4. Bert's Redfish Tournament – September 16th & 17th – No request, but donating a Basket

5. Volunteer – Volunteer – Volunteer – THANK YOU!!

6. Thank you to the Chamber for sharing the cost of tents we purchased.

c) Fundraising:

1. Travel Raffle - \$25 each until their sold out

d) Financial Requests:

1. NFM VFW fundraiser - Car and Bike show on October 15th at Hurricane Grill and Wings. We are donating \$300 for the Ultimate Sponsor level. We will have our name on the banner and 1 car or bike entry included with our sponsorship donation and our merchandise will be on site. Let DJ know if you would like to enter your car or bike in the show.

2. GPICC – Adopt a Sea Turtle – DJ Adopted one. Hooker Artist, please let DJ know if you will decorate it.

a. Must turn in by October 5th at the Chamber Office

- b. Chamber Event October 22nd Bidding Online and at OFH from 4pm – 7pm
- c. Benefits Pine Island Food Pantry
- d. Call Ole Fish House to reserve a seat

Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 170 members with 56 as brand-new members
 - 1. Membership Renewals 37 renewals and 9 are new members– Name Tags and Shirts
- b) Meeting Attendance: 37 plus 1 online and 2 guests.
- c) New member swear-in: Thelma Hotzfield, Beth Bostrom and Stacy Sims
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Thank you Tania Watkins and Sandy Reynolds
- e) Birthday celebrations!
- f) Calendars-Julia has a couple of examples; each month will highlight a different fundraiser with photos; there will be room on each day to write; original quote was approximately 11-12 dollars we are thinking of selling for \$15. This will be solidified once we receive a definite quote and still working on the details
- g) Elections Committee- Michele King -Elections in November; Directors serve for 2 years; there are 3 director positions open. Nomination forms due on October 1st. Nominations can be emailed to Michele King. All nominees' memberships must be paid in full; nominees will be contacted to accept or decline the nomination; meet the candidate in the October meeting; Election will be held in November.
- h) Misti Ramsey's husband is ill and there will be a fundraiser at the Olde Fish House on September 24th.
- i) Call Girls for October meeting Anne Van Kirk, Shirley Noble

Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

- a) Review and approval of general meeting minutes; Tania Watkins made motion to accept minutes; motion carried
- c) Mail – read thank you letters from Free the Girls and Hope Healthcare

Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of financial reports Sandy Reynolds made motion to accept financials; motion carried

Chaplain, Anita Jannotti

- a. Chaplin Report – Anita read us a funny joke.
- b. Outreach Report helped someone with \$300.00; did a card shower
- c. Card showers are for someone who is having a hardship; please participate even if you don't know the person. Include your name with "Matlacha Hooker" so they know who you are.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1.Fundraisers

- a) Merchandise Report: Jill Filgut - new items for sale; plush toys and puppets (will be introduced at the P.I.E Fishing Derby) tumblers and coffee mugs with the Matlacha Hookers logo; brought in \$400 in August.

- b) PIE Derby: Julia Gaylor, Deb Syring and Monica Kochel- next planning meeting on September 20th. location TBD
New shirts are available long sleeve and short sleeve; UV protection. \$25. We are going to have our very first hat; trucker hat in red, white and blue. The save the date magnets will be distributed to the students; collecting sponsorship; newest sponsor is Post 136 Legion Riders they donated \$500. Canned beers this year, we will not be having kegs; JD Holloway is bringing his food truck to the tournament, we will be selling tickets; he will have other items for sale. Food will start at 12:00 p.m. Working on having coffee in the morning for purchase. Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 at Firehouse #4. We will have 2 meetings in October. Julia will update the Hooker Herald with the meeting information. Hats will be given to pre-registration.
- c) Island Luau: Joanne and Sandy- Planning meeting on September 19th @ 6:00 at SJCC; we will be discussing food, decorating and other items. You can bring snacks or wine for the meeting
- d) If you have bling/jewelry please give to Chris Boutin for the Chic Boutique.
- e) Attend an event planning meeting to find out more about the event and sign up for volunteering; The PIE Derby and the Island Luau are our biggest fundraising events.

2. Community Support

- a) Adopt-A-Road: September 24th at 8:30. Meet at Olde Fish House; park behind the restaurant; takes about an hour and a half.
- b) Blood Drive: Late October or November, date and location TBA
- c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs – Boxed dry cereal, small cans of regular coffee, canned, pouches or small bags of instant potatoes, canned vegetable soup, hamburger or tuna helper, peanut butter, canned fruit, and personal care products, such as, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products and size 5 and 6 diapers or pull ups.
Keep an eye on the Herald for the Food Pantry needs; we also collect at our membership meetings
- d) Stone Crab Festival will be held at the VFW on Sunday, November 13th from 10:00-7:00
- e) Outdoor Island Market will begin in November and run through March. The market will be held at the Lutheran Church on the last Saturday of each month.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$145.00 \$75.00 to volunteer and \$75.00 to 50/50 Tonight's winner: Tania Watkins is the 50/50 winner; Sandy Kerr is winner of volunteer of the month.
Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$97.21
Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:00 p.m. @ MPIFD #4
Next General Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2022 6:30 p.m. @ TBD
November Meeting will be held @ the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, November 15th

Motion to adjourn from Sandy Kerr
Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 p.m.