

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MATLACHA HOOKERS

May 1, 2017

Call to Order

Madam Julia called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present were: Madam Julia Simpson, Helen Andrews, D.J. Ruscik, Beth Nelson, Lorie Tidwell, Lois Lemke, Bonnie Gunnoe, Jeanene Whittaker and Ginny Neff. Also present was Melva Wilzbach. Members absent were: Toni Trivelli and Billie Young.

Guest: Melva Wilzbach – Ad Hoc Report – Bylaws. Melva Wilzbach reported on the results of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee formed to discuss the pros and cons of changing the membership age from 21 to 18. A detailed report was submitted by Melva and is included as part of these minutes. After discussion, a motion was made by D.J. to table further discussion on the issue until the September general meeting. Motion passed.

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DouZie: Julia Simpson

- a) 50/50 – Suggestions. A suggestion was made to donate to the Pine Island Playhouse.
- b) Hooker Art Night idea. Madam Julia reported on the event at Mel Meo's studio. Everyone who attended had a great time and it was recommended we do this again as a "fun" event.
- c) Annual Report Due May 1st. The report was sent to Attorney Kevin Kyle. Madam Julia indicated she will be adding this to the Madam's procedure to be completed after the November meeting.
- d) Fundraising committee. It was suggested a committee be formed to discuss additional ideas.
- e) Mail. Thank you letters and cards were received from: The Bobby Holloway Fund, the Beacon of Hope for the Wine Fest donation, from Christine Strom for the donation to the Community Poll in support of the water aerobics classes, from an outreach recipient and a letter from Cindy Baer with an update on a former scholarship recipient, Mindy Baer.
- f) Financial Requests. There were no financial requests received for the month.
- g) Other: All Committee minutes should be emailed to the madam.

Vice Madam – Helen Andrews

- a) Membership. There are 226 paid members to date.
- b) Hooker Appreciation Night April 12. Helen gave an update on the event and indicated feedback was positive from those attendees with whom she spoke.

Secretary – Jeanene Whittaker

- a) Review and Approval of April 2017 Minutes. The minutes from the April meeting were distributed and no additional changes were requested. Lorie Tidwell made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 3 Board meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of April 2017 Financial Reports. A discussion about an item on the fixed assets resulted in a requested change to the line item of "Tables" to "Donation of tables to the Chamber of Commerce". Ginny recommended a separate account be established for the scholarship account. This would assist the scholarship committee in reviewing the allocations. After discussion,

Ginny will proceed to open the new account. Motion was made by Beth Nelson to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Chaplain – Billie Young

- A) Outreach. In April, there was one hardship request that was submitted then withdrawn. There were 4 card showers sent. All note cards have been distributed. The next Adopt-A-Road event will be in May.

Events & Activities

1: Fundraisers

A. Dedicated

- 1) Beacon of Hope – Wine Event. Nancy Chandler is moving and will not be on the committee next year. A discussion ensued about expressions of appreciation for Nancy's years of service to the organization. Madam Julia will prepare the appreciation gift for Nancy and present to her at the next general meeting.
- 2) Scholarships – Lois Lemke. Eleven \$2,000 scholarships have been awarded from nineteen initial submissions. The recipients have been contacted. D.J. reported on an idea to provide a 4-year scholarship award to an individual student.
A: Note Cards – see Chaplain's report.
B: Merchandise Report. Lorie reported that \$135 was given to Ginny from the proceeds. Beth and Lorie meet with a vendor to consider new products.
- 3) PIE Derby – Co Chairs D.J. Ruscik, Toni Trivelli and Kate Swanstrom had the first meeting on April 19th. The minutes from that meeting will be provided to Madam Julia.

2: Community Support

A. Assistance:

1. Adopt-A-Road. Next event will be in May.
2. Blood Drive – DJ Ruscik/ Ginny Neff. May 13th 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Bay Gallery in Matlacha. There will be coupons available to anyone donating blood.

3: Donations:

- A. Pine Island Food Pantry - Beth Nelson. The food pantry has requested Pork and Beans, Corn, Peas and Hamburger Helper.

OTHER

There being no further business, Ginny Neff made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Monday June 5, 2017

Next General Meeting Monday May 8, 2017

Report of Ad Hoc- Bylaws Committee

Purpose: To determine the pros & cons of changing the age to become a member from 21 to 18.

Chair: Melva Wilzbach; Committee Members: Julia Simpson and Lorie Tidwell.

The committee met Wed., April 26, 2017, at the home of the chair, at 5:30 p..

The chair went over the process of handling proposed amendments, pointing out the the Articles of Incorporation are the supreme law, having been filed with the state of Florida when the corporation was formed. Our bylaws cannot conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, and much effort was made in the 2014 revisions of the bylaws to comply with the Articles of Incorporation and the statutes of the state of Florida for not-for-profit corporations.

The Articles of Incorporation provide that the Board of Directors shall provide such Bylaws...as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time, .subject to approval by a majority vote of a quorum of the members present at a meeting of the Members duly called.

The Bylaws set out that proposed amendments can be submitted to the Board...will be reviewed from time to time to time. An ad hoc committee shall be appointed, if necessary, to review an proposed amendments. Approval of amendments shall required a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

The proposed amendments(s) shall be presented to the General Membership one general meeting prior to voting.

The discussion of the pros and cons brought up the following:

Pros:

- Ladies of 18 but not yet 21 have expressed a desire to join and work with us.
- New Enthusiasm
- Get ladies interested in community service with us before other things in life distract them and while they are looking for ways to help the community.
- New volunteers
- Younger volunteers
- New ideas
- More membership dues in general fund, where we need additional fund.
- "We are not the same organization we were 20 years ago" –Nancy Goodwin, our founder.
- Amending the bylaws in 2014 made the procedure to make changes clearer, if desired by the Board and the membership.

Cons:

- Under drinking age –
 - Nicole at Sandy Hook said it is not a problem, and she hopes it passes – just let her know when it takes effect.
 - American Legion Mgr. said it is not a problem until after 9:00 p.m.
- Young Ladies being called Hookers.
 - This is at most a 3-year difference, and they are adults per the law.
 - We are **Matlacha Hookers – not just Hookers.**
- Amending the bylaws has hurt our organization in some ways in the past.
- Younger women would take over our organization.

The committee discussed the possibility of other amendments being brought up besides this age change. This committee was formed to explore only one suggested amendment. The bylaws provide that "Duties and restrictions of the Chairs/Committees are as states by the President and/or the Board." When other amendments are proposed, our Bylaws provide that those are to be submitted to the Board of Directors...for review from time to time.

The Chair has received no calls or emails concerning this matter. Julia and Lorie reported mostly favorable responses to the idea when they have asked some of our members. Julia reported that she has a couple of young ladies interested in joining our organization.

The committee asked the Madam to put Ad Hoc Bylaws committee on the agenda for the May Board meeting.