



MATLACHA HOOKERS
NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DATE: November 6, 2023
6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe
10700 Stringfellow Rd., Bokeelia FL 33922

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Deb Syring, Natalie Gazda, DJ Ruscik, Lorie Tidwell, Joanne Correia, Linda Bohacek, Darcy Conner, Tania Watkins, Christy Rau, Carolyn Ryzanych, Julia Gaylor

Absent: N/A

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

1. 50/50: Helping PAWS
2. Hooker Business:
 - a. Grant Opportunity – Deadline November 22nd - \$500 - \$10,000 – DJ- Osaic Institutions has grant opportunities for employees; we can target scholarships; DJ will look into this.
 - b. Storage Unit/Trailer Reorganizations – Linda and DJ – Storage unit is complete. Trailer will take more people to clean and organize.
 - i. Need new tires; DJ took it to Pine Island Auto for tires. Organizing the trailer will be in January, will need around 10 volunteers.
 - c. Bag 'n Tag – DJ- No overhead for this event; Possibly rent a POD or trailer. DJ will check with her friend on a trailer; if you have a friend/neighbor that has a trailer that is empty we can use let us know.
 - d. 25th Anniversary Event - DJ and Carolyn. Found a location and vendors. Lot on Doug Taylor Circle, St. James City; will need permits for alcohol; DJ will look into permits; budget will be discussed at December board meeting;
Next planning meeting @ Fine Swine at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2023
 - e. Pine Island Derby – Matlacha Pier or SJC location. Derby can happen at Jug Creek;
 - f. Member Survey- Linda- review questions and we will have further discussion at December meeting; let Linda know if you have any questions/comments.
 - g. Fort Myers River District project – Linda- Friday nights; not until June 2024;
 - h. Art Fest Fort Myers Volunteers- Christy- Discussed email received. No further discussion.

3. Fundraising:
 - a. Travel Raffle-Darcy and DJ- Update on sales outside of Winn-Dixie; sold 16 tickets;
 - i. Tickets in December – DJ will check with Dan at Winn-Dixie for December 16th; will discuss with membership
 - b. Island Luau- Joanne and Linda- on schedule; raised price by \$5.00; trying to find meeting place; will ask Lisa from Salty Girl if she would like to cater the event; Beth Nelson has agreed to hold the silent auction items and able to make the baskets again at her home; solicitation letters will be sent out November 30th.
 - c. Merchandise Report – Linda- October \$958.00; \$1,500 at Christmas Bazaar at OLMM;
 - d. Shoes with Heart – Linda- they provide all the materials; we could store the shoes in our storage unit; Christy will co-chair at the meeting she mentioned that she would co-chair.
 - e. Christmas Caroling – DJ – F.I.S.H
 - i. Who volunteered for Matlacha/Cape Coral Emily Pentacost.
 - ii. Dates for St. James City- 12/1, 12/8 and 12/9 – SJC Boat Parade
 - iii. Dates for Bokeelia- TBD
 - iv. Dates for Matlacha/Cape Coral- TBD
4. Financial Requests:
 - a. Stearns Builders-Pine Island Aquatics- Julia made motion to donate \$1,000; motion carried- will bring to general membership meeting
5. Hurricane Rebuilding Fund:
 - a. Small Business/Non-Profit Grant- Julia-Update- Hurricane is awarding 35 grants to small businesses and 6 to local not for profit organizations; grants will be awarded at our general membership meeting on November 13th.

Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

- a) Membership Report: not available
- b) Membership Renewals; not available
- c) Elections- one person as rescinded her nomination

Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

- a) Review and approval of general minutes: minutes were approved and posted on website
- b) Mail: read 1 thank you letter

Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of financial reports: Joanne made motion to approve September and October financials; motion carried.

Chaplain, Tania Watkins

- a) Chaplin Report:
- b) Outreach Report: 2 outreach requests; both were referred to the Beacon of Hope; we haven't heard back from either person.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

- a) P.I.E. Veterans Day Program - Volunteers needed -_Christy_- volunteers not needed
 - b) Adopt a Road: Lorie- Update on date
 - b) Pine Island Food Pantry needs continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald
 - c) Blood Drive- DJ – Great turnout – Winn-Dixie has offered us a permanent location. 24 donors
 - d) Stone Crab Festival- Darcy- Update on volunteers- volunteers not needed;
 - e) Holiday House at Tarpon Lodge - Sunday, December 3rd. Set up starts at noon. Event is from 1:00-4:00. Kids Crafts – DJ is not available! Need 5 volunteers. Julia will get the tables and chairs from the trailer; Tania will volunteer;
- December board meeting will be catered by Lisa
November members will decide about having the December Meeting catered or Bring A Dish to pass; have members decide.

OTHER:

Next Board Meeting: December 4, 2023 6:00 p.m. Location: Salty Girl Island Café. This will include the newly Elected Board Members. They will not be heard but they will be very welcome!

Next General Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023 @ **6:00 p.m.** Location: American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, FL

Deb made motion to adjourn, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned @ 7:21 p.m.