



MATLACHA HOOKERS
2025 OCTOBER Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: October 6, 2025
6:00pm @ Salty Girls Island Cafe
10700 Stringfellow Rd., Bokeelia, FI

Call to Order by 6:01pm

Attendance: Madam Linda Bohacek, Rachel Branch, Tracy Chapple, Lorie Tidwell, Cheryl Neary, Donna Trusik, Jeanelle Havlin, Anna Van Kirk, and Carolyn Ryzanych by Phone

Absent: Deb Syring

Presentation for donation request by Judy Baker, local organizer of Lee County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The purpose is to promote early childhood development, encourage parent-child interaction, enhance children's literacy and better prepare youngsters for kindergarten./ 2022 July becoming a 501c3/ Started in 1995 as a tribute to Dolly Parton's father, since 2022 2 million books have been gifted to the United States and other countries/ Mail a free book once a month to children/ Judy raised the money to print and mail the books/ 37000 under the age of 5 in lee county/ 8000\$ a month book bill/ Sign up at dolly parton website/ January and February to start sending books looking for \$20,000/ \$2.70 per book x 2700\$; Linda will touch base with Judy to reconnect once Judy has brought Lee County into active status.

BOARD REPORTS

1. 50/50: Calusa Land Trust; Pine Island Elementary Derby

2. Hooker Business:

a) Financial Requests- none

b) Fundraising & Event Brainstorming/ Social Media Meeting & Updates; important discussions included timing on posts on the website and facebook; posts for upcoming events with marketing and timing; Next meeting October 22nd @ Salty Girls 6p-7p & November 19th @ Salty Girls 6p-7p- Tracy

c) Presentations at general meeting - \$2500 to P.I.E. and Larry Lappin Foundation of \$5200

d) Cape Coral Community Foundation grant update-Donna; awarded \$2000; \$1000 to the Beacon of Hope Senior Meals Program & \$1000 to teacher wishlist; November 15th Donna will attend the ceremony with Beacon and PIE representatives.

e) Email discussion with Attorney regarding 501c3 restrictions on donation Requests - email threads will be sent prior to meeting to review and then comment at meeting; recommendations to the board will discuss the guidelines about our policies.

f) Herald Editor Bylaw amendment presentation to members; presented during October General Meeting

g) Liability insurance and bonding insurance; all information is up to date

h) Review of job descriptions/ procedures; please review positions to see if there are any changes that need to be made prior to the new board.

i) Pine Island Playhouse; different levels of sponsorship for playbook advertisement, next show is at Fisher of Mens in November-Winnie the Pooh

j) 2026 Event Chairs; January board meeting we will reassess; put on general meeting agenda that if members are interested in helping chairs or shadowing a chair for the Luau meeting on October 20th or other events.

k) Christmas General Meeting Dinner; discussion on budget and local business to cater as well as board member desserts

Fundraising events with chairs:

1) Pine Island Fishing Derby November 2nd 2025; next meeting Thursday, October 9th 6pm @ Salty Girl Island Cafe- Donna

2) American Legion Meat Raffle Saturday October 11th 5p-7pm

3) Cape Coral Farmers Market -Merchandise Booth October 11th 8-1pm - volunteers needed

4) Kickstand Pub & Grub Meat Raffle Sunday October 19th 12p-2p

5) Ft Myers River District Alliance Music Walk October 17th; Volunteers needed
Donna

6) Island Luau Committee Meeting, October 20th 6 pm and Nov. 17th Salty Girls Island Cafe- Linda

7) Pine Island SantaCon November 29th; event more like a poker run going to different local businesses; progressive 50/50; 12p- 4p time is still in the works

8) OLMM Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 1st- Merchandise booth needs
Volunteers

9) November 2 Kids Derby- Merchandise booth - need volunteers

10) Wicked Dolphin Holiday Market & Tiki Fest- Saturday, Nov. 8th 11-5pm
-Merchandise booth needs volunteers

11) Stone Crab Music Fest- November 9th, 9am -6pm merchandise booth
volunteers needed; put on agenda about being a beneficiary from the festival
income

- 12) Island Market @ Fishers of Men October 25th 9a-2p; Merchandise booth - Volunteers needed
- 13) Hooker Mixer Mermaid Tail Buoy @ Duffy's Sports Grill on 10/27 at 6p-8p \$35 per person

3) Past Events and Fundraisers

- Mrs. Roper Romp; successful great event
- Burnt Store Tavern Meat Raffle; successful great event
- Matlacha Art Walk; lots of rain
- Peace Day Pine Island; good event

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Membership

- a) Membership Report: members 180 ; 2025 new 45
- b) Membership meeting checking in: Donna and Carolyn
- c) Elections/ Nominations; hoping for more nominations during general meeting
- d) Donation in American Legion of \$250 for the post scholarship fund; Carolyn made a motion; motion carried

Secretary, Rachel Branch

- a) Review and approval of September general meeting minutes; Donna moved to approve September general meeting minutes on 9/16. Motion carried
- b) mail: card from PIE PTO
- c) email vote: none

Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of September financial reports; Donna made a motion to approve September financials; motion carried
- b) Merchandise report - Linda 1337.00

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

- a) Chaplin Report
- b) Greater Pine Island Alliance
- c) Outreach requests
- d) Beacon of Hope Updates; updates given at general meeting
- e) Pine Island Cares

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

- a) Pine Island Food Pantry needs to continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald August meeting advise members to bring personal care items (easy sizes to pass out)

General meeting announce fem hygiene november meeting

b) Food Pantry Volunteers needed; see application info in Herald

c) Adopt a Pelican Auction @ Tarpon Lodge October 12th 4-7pm

d) Stone Crab Festival November 9th 11a- 6p Winn-Dixie Plaza; Volunteers needed by the Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce to man a beer tent. 10:30am - 6PM

e) November 15th 9-12p hazardous waste day at Phillips Park

OTHER: Next Board Meeting: Monday November 3, 2025 6:00pm; Location: Salty Girls

Next General Meeting: Monday October 13, 2025 at 6:30pm; Location: American Legion Post 136

Adjournment: 8:12 pm Donna motion to adjourn; motion carried.