



MATLACHA HOOKERS
MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MAY 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. @ 5600 Blyth Ct., Bokeelia, FL 33922

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:14 p.m.

Attendance: Lorie Tidwell, Natalie Gazda, Linda Bohacek, Joanne Correria, Tania Watkins, Christy Rau, Darcy Conner, Deb Srying (online), Carolyn Ryzanych, DJ Ruscik, Julia Gaylor

Absent: N/A

BOARD REPORTS

Madam DJ Ruscik

1. 50/50: PIE Derby;
2. Hooker Business:
 - a. 501(c)3 vs. 509(a)2 501(c)3 encompasses the 509(a)2
 - b. July board meeting date- scheduled for first Monday which is July 3rd, day before the holiday. Need new date June 26th will be the July board meeting. Julia will reach out to Lisa at the Salty Girl to find out if we can have Board Meetings there.
 - c. Chamber Chatter newsletter- every other month they have a business after hours; would like 2 members to attend. FYI – MangoMania is on Saturday, July 15th at the Our Lady of Miraculos Medals Catholic Church in Bokeelia.
 - d. Hooker 25th anniversary celebration- invite the residents of the island; possibly at the Legion, Moose or SJCC. Food trucks; tentatively in October
 - e. General Membership meetings online Go To Meetings- we will no longer have a call in phone number for general meetings.
 - f. Storage Unit and Trailer- Trailer needs more tie downs; needs a new crank; Storage; not able to get in consistently; DJ called. Corporate changed hours are now 9-5 and no one works on the weekends. DJ spoke to an individual and gave us solutions; access fobs or a padlock. We can go back to a combo padlock for the storage unit;
 - g. Tiffany Noel- appreciation gift for providing board members with professional head shots. Everyone to donate; DJ will purchase an Amazon gift card
3. Fundraising:
 - a. Travel Raffle-Darcy- Update- suggesting a committee to sell ticket; have volunteers sell tickets at MangoMania; Darcy will ask for volunteers at the general meeting
 - b. P.I.E. Derby- Julia – Update meeting on Thursday at Knights Landing at 6:00 p.m.; will be discussing volunteer needs; music will be under the fish house; Julia is working on tent needs; ReMax will let us use the golf cart; asking Kustom Karts to use a golf cart; can park at the post office and Tortuga; have 2 -10 passenger golf carts; Knights is where registration will be; Moose will be providing food for the children; have a donation for pulled pork; need to spend money for more rods; Kelly

LaMagna's employer is donating money to the Derby

- c. Belk Days 2023- DJ- volunteers needed; event is May 5th 10:00 am-7:30 p.m. May 6th 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and May 7th 10:00 am until 5:00pm; need volunteers
4. Financial Requests:
 - a. Pine Island Community Church requesting donation to assist in roof repairs. Proposal to repair roof is \$30,000- Julia suggested the donation comes from the Hurricane Fund; Lorie made a motion to donate \$3000. Motion carried.; Hurricane Committee will need to approve; DJ will ask Michelle more about the roof and if any other organizations are donating;
 - b. Darcy mentioned Walmart giving grants to 501c(3); in SW Florida; Julia mentioned we do not have a determination letter to apply for corporate grants;
 - c. VFW request- asking for donation for food for an event on May 12th; Julia is asking VFW for more information; if asking for a monetary donation; Lorie made a motion to make a monetary donation of \$200. To the VFW; motion carried.
 5. Hurricane Recovery Program
 - a. Local Business Grant- first announcement was made today on social media; application will be released on May 15th; deadline to submit is June 23rd; recipients will be presented grants at July general membership meeting
 - d. Volunteer Hours- calculating all hours used for hurricane relief; need to submit hours to Julia hours by month through March. Lee County Long Term Recovery Group needs the hours to reduce FEMA cost/taxes; GPIA has ½ money raised for sheds that people who have requested; Julia is suggesting to have hurricane funds to help purchase the sheds;
 6. Annual Level HER Up Conference- DJ- asking for sponsorship; will bring to membership
 7. Hooked on Education Scholarship - Lorie and Christy - update have \$14K for scholarships; will do an after action/wrap up;
 8. Request from Nicki-new shutters- funds were previously donated from the hurricane fund to assist the ball field
 9. ArtFest- DJ will work with Lorie and Theresa and send a letter to their BOD in an attempt to salvage the relationship

1) Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 199 members

2) Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

- a) Review and approval of general minutes: approved via email; Darcy needs to make corrections;
- b) Mail: read three thank you notes

3) Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of financial reports: March Financials- Joanne made a motion to approve March financials; motion carried. DJ will present at May meeting.

4) Chaplain, Tania Watkins

- a) Chaplin Report: N/A
- b) Outreach Report: 2 outreach requests; one rescinded their request; second has not provided information to date

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Merchandise- April \$1742 raised; new jewelry, visors. Joyce is making bracelets in various sizes; Island Market on May 27th

1. Community Support

- a) Trash Master/Adopt a Road: Lorie- N/A
 - b) Pine Island Food Pantry needs continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald
 - c) Free Shred Day: May 6th hosted by The Greater Pine Island Elks Lodge #2871 at the Pine Island United Methodist Church
5. Annual Postal Food Pantry Drive – Saturday, May 13th
 6. MangoMania on July 15th at OLMM
 7. Blood Drive @ Micellis on Saturday May 6th.

OTHER:

Next Board Meeting: June 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. Location: TBD

Next General Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. Location: House of Omelets, 900 SW Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral, FL

June General Meeting will be at the American Legion

Motion made by Tania Watkins to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 8:01 p.m.