



MATLACHA HOOKERS

2025 September Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 8, 2025

The American Legion 4106

Stringfellow Rd, St James City FL 33956

Call to Order by Madam Linda Bohacek @ 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda Bohacek

Invocation by DJ Ruscik

BOARD REPORTS

1. 50/50: Pine Island Playhouse/ Helping Paws; Lorie Tidwell made a motion to donate 50/50 to Pine Island Playhouse; motion carried; discussion about buying a page in their play pamphlet.
2. Financial Requests- none
3. Membership Dues Bylaw Change; Susan Bosworth made a motion to change the membership dues bylaw.
4. Hooker Herald Bylaw Change; discussion of this change and addition to the board of the Hooker Herald Editor; please review on the website about this new board member.
5. Next Social Media and Event Planning Meeting September 25th @ 6pm at Salty Girls
6. Pine Island Chamber of Commerce Adopt a Pelican Auction Julie Gilson; October 12th @ The Tarpon Lodge 4-7 pm
7. Name the Manikin Contest; thanks to Joyce Boyer her name is Jezebel!
She will receive a free t-shirt

Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed

- a. Pine Island Elementary Fishing Derby November 2nd; Next Planning Meeting September 11th 6pm @ Street Eat & Ale- Donna; sponsor a child for fishing flyers

- passed out during meeting; more discussion to happen about baskets and live auction at September 11th meeting at Street Eatz and Ale Bokeelia, 6PM
- b. Mrs Roper Romp September 13th 3pm- 7pm @ The Moose- Tracy, Tammey & Stacy; to raise money for Hooked on Education there will be 2 50/50, 25\$ donations and auctions.
 - c. Santa Con November 29, 2025; More info to come after Mrs Roper Romp- Linda
 - d. Lucky Hook Up-Donna and Tammey- all money raised will go to Hooked on Education; flyers have been posted around town; tickets are being released today and the website is up for ticket purchase.
 - f. Adopt a Road October 4th @8:30am meeting at BlueDog; *Volunteers needed*
 - g. Meat Raffles: all proceeds go to Hooked on Education; *Volunteers needed*
 - The American Legion October 11 5pm- 7pm
 - Kickstands October 19 12pm-2pm Pipe Dream playing 1pm-4pm
 - Burnt Store Tavern- September 20th 2pm-4pm
 - December 13th 2pm- 4pm
 - h. Island Luau Committee Meeting for Co Chairs and Area Leads October 20th; location and time TBD- Linda

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Membership

1. Membership Report: members 167; new 38 with addition of Wanda Boone, Lisa Eastman, Andrea DePalma tonight
2. Meeting attendance: 23 (quorum necessary to vote is 20)
3. Upcoming Officer and Board Elections; nomination forms are on the website and available at meeting
4. Membership Brochure update; more information to come
5. Call Girls: Scottie Tomas & Laura Nott
6. Next month's Call Girls: Jennifer Bennett & Lisa Eastman
7. Birthday Celebrations

Secretary, Rachel Branch

1. Review and approval of August general minutes. Scottie made a motion to approve the August general meeting minutes; motion carried
2. Mail: Thank you cards from the Food Pantry and Museum of the Islands

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Approval of August financials- August and July financials; Lorie Tidwell made a motion to approve July and August financial statements; motion carried
2. Merchandise report for August- intro on new products "impulse buys" - Jill Filgut

Chaplain, DJ Ruscik filling in for Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach requests- none

2. Pine Island Cares- Meeting update

Flyers were made available for the various classes available at the Beacon of Hope Center for Excellence.

Sep. 10th @ 11am Aging and Ageism- The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Sep. 17th @ 10am- The 5 Steps to Protecting Children

Every 2nd Monday of the month (Sep. Oct. Nov.) @ 1pm- Dementia Respite Cafe

Starting Aug. 22nd meeting every other Friday @ 4pm The Uplife Project

Donna reported about a class that she attended there on administering Naloxone to suspected drug overdose.

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)

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

c) Matlacha Art Walk September 12th 5-8pm; *Volunteers needed*

d) Peace Day Pine Island September 20th 2-8pm @ SJCCC; *Volunteers needed*

e). Ft Myers River District Alliance Music Walk October 17th; *Volunteers needed for*

merchandise- Lorie & Donna

f) Pine Island Youth Baseball Sponsorship- Linda The board approved \$100 sponsorship

g) Welcome Center Volunteers needed Monday and or Thursdays 10am- 3pm

h) 50/50 results collected \$100.00

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Linda Solinger - \$50

Volunteer of the month winner: Jennifer Bennett \$50

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry: \$52.00

Other: Next Board Meeting: Monday October 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Location: Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday October 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 136 St James City FL 33956

Adjournment: Tammy Lynch moved to adjourn; motion carried at 8:00 pm