

**MATLACHA HOOKERS**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
October 14, 2019.

Call to Order by Madam Philosophy at House of Omelets  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Philosophy @ 6pm  
Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain  
Meeting Attendance: 45 members

Meet the candidates introductions:

Madam: DJ Ruscik

Vice-madam: Billie Young

Treasurer: Ginny Neff

Secretary: Cindy Walton

Chaplain: Genie Andrews

At-large Board Director Candidates: Jill Filgut, Beth Nelson, Natalie Gazda, and Dixie Dakos (absent)

8 candidates introduced themselves for 2020 board election. Election will take place at the November 11th meeting. Online voting directions will follow in a Hooker Herald. Dues must be paid by October 26th in order to vote.

Founder Nancy Goodwin was introduced and expressed her pride in and love for the Matlacha Hookers.

## BOARD REPORTS

### Madam Philosophy Helen Andrews

- a) 50/50 will support PIE Derby expenses. Motion by Kate SWanstrom to approve, all in favour.
- b) Hooker Business:
  1. Tarpon Lodge gift certificate for a one night stay which was donated for 2018 derby was copied and used twice. Board members voted unanimously at the board meeting to refund the \$190.00 cost of one stay to the Tarpon Lodge. Efforts will be made to ensure this does not happen again, including indicating "VOID" or "SAMPLE" on the front of all certificates on display and informing the issuers of the name/contact info of the winners. All members expressed agreement.
  2. New email address [matlachahookers@matlachahookers.org](mailto:matlachahookers@matlachahookers.org) is set and ready to use.
  3. Trailer at the Chamber can only be moved by persons providing proof of insurance and signing a liability waiver. Trailer contents are currently uninsured, insurance pricing is being shopped.
- c) Fundraising: Belk Charity Day coupons on sale tonight \$5.00 Sign ups to work October 26th 10-2 and November 9th 9-1 available tonight. Additional funds from in-store sales collected \$104.00 making the overall total collected during the previous event at \$655.00. 12 coupons sold during the meeting.
- d) Financial Requests: Fundraiser at Moose Lodge October 16th to benefit Glenda Busscher. Members can attend and donate personally. Genie Andrews is scheduled to meet with Glenda to discuss how Outreach can assist her.

### Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 105 paid members for 2020
- b) 4 New members lei'd tonight; Britt, Mary, Kathleen, and Donae
- c) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Kate Swanstrom and Mary Napalo
- d) October Birthdays celebrated.
- e) Thanks to Jeanelle and Natalie for handling tonight's busy membership renewals.

### Secretary, Cindy Walton

- a) Review and Approval of September General Minutes, motion to approve by Nicole McQuade, all in favour.
- b) Online Votes 1. Board members voted unanimously to approve Outreach request of \$868.00 (\$268.00 above committee limit) for a hardship request which received unanimous committee support.  
2. Board voted unanimously to approve increase in Outreach budget for 2019 by \$3,000.00 (from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00) The 2018 budget had been \$8,000.00 and was reduced for 2019. Motion by Vicki Morrison to approve new budget amount, all in favour.
- c) Read Mail: Thank you from PI Kiwanis for playground donation, thank you from PIE for donation of \$2,500.00 representing balance of proceeds from 2018 PIE derby, thank you from Bobby Holloway Jr. Foundation for donation to their tournament, newsletter and thank you from Randell Research Center for membership renewal.

### Treasurer, Ginny Neff

- a) Review and approval of September financial reports. Motion by Joanne Correia to approve, all in favour.
- b) \$25.00 fees charged to each of 4 accounts, change of bank may occur if our refund request is denied. Request for refund was successful and fees will no longer be charged.
- c) Liability insurance has been paid for the upcoming year, each account has been debited proportionately to cover the cost.

### Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

- a. Chaplin Report : no card/prayer showers in September
- b. Outreach Report : 1 rent and 1 rent plus 1 car payment request granted
- c. Miss Matty now has a Derby Outfit complete with fish ! She also has new duds for the holidays !
- d) PI Cares is refocusing their efforts on community services including the coordination of all local assistance/charitable groups.
- e) "Mercy !! You didn't tell me you had a prescription for cyanide !"

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

### 1. Fundraisers

- 1) Scholarships: All funds have been distributed for 2019. Thank you to all from Nancy Goodwin for the “Dana Goodwin Memorial Scholarship” awarded this year.
- 2) Merchandise Report by Jeanene Whittaker: all shirts available for sale tonight, contact Jeanene for purchases anytime. Volunteers needed to work the merchandise table at the derby.
- 3) Wine Event will be early March, chairperson(s) needed, theme will be Country & Western.
- 4) PIE Derby meeting October 24th. Flyer has been emailed to members for increased distribution. Info documents are available tonight for members to take and distribute.  
Initial basket making will be Thursday 17th 2-6 pm at Lobeane Lane, final will be October 26th. 1 kids basket will be awarded from tickets in the kid’s treat bags. Treat bags donations still needed (no chocolate please)  
Volunteers at the derby are asked to park in the empty lot across the street.  
BBQ is still in need of a relish tray and potato salad. Contact Theresa Kramer to donate.  
Volunteers still needed for : 50/50 sales  
merchandise sales  
Set-up on Saturday and Sunday, tear down on Sunday  
silent auction  
beverage booth ticket sales and serving

Kate’s “paint party” received pieces of art from 8 Ft. Myers artists. Next year the event will be more local.

- 5) Bag’n Tag: February 22nd 8-3p.m, no Moose Market will be that day.

### 2. Community Support

- 1) Adopt-A-Road November 16th, 8:45 behind Olde Fish House
- 2) Blood Drive Saturday, November 2nd at Miceli’s “pint for a pint”
- 3) Pine Island Food Pantry needs hamburger helper, jelly/jam, granola bars/cracker packs
- 4) F.I.S.H Caroling weekends in December dates and locations TBA
- 5) PIE is looking for 4-5 volunteers for October 25th bounce house activities 12:30-3:15pm, contact Linda at the school to volunteer, details in upcoming Hooker Herald.
- 6) Beacon Bites needs 2 volunteers @ 9:30 am once/month to deliver meals, delivery takes about 1-2 hours.
- 7) FISH Basket Brigade needs storage/sorting location, DJ Ruscik volunteered a location on Lobeane Lane. Gift wrapping will be December 13th.
- 8) PIE Trunk or Treat will be October 25th 5-7pm, set-up begins at 4pm

### OTHER:

50/50 collected \$99.00 Tonight’s winners: Bonnie Kellen and Joyce Bieber

Tonight’s donation to Food Pantry \$84.09

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 4th 6p.m. at Little Lilly’s  
Next General Meeting: Monday, November 11th at House of Omelets. Motion to adjourn 8:06pm by DJ Ruscik, all in favour.