



MATLACHA HOOKERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Representatives Sharon McAllister, Erin Jackson, and Megan Tramonte from ArtFest were present to present a \$1,600.00 donation to PIE art teacher Gloria VanDuzer and Principal Tom on behalf of the Matlacha Hookers. Sharon thanked the Hookers for 17 years of participation as the “beverage team” . Gloris thanked ArtFest for the donation, and Principal Tom reflected on how fortunate PIE was to have Gloria on staff.

Call to Order by Madam Deja Vu Deux at Moose Lodge at 6:30
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Deja Vu Deux
Invocation by Grateful Genie, Chaplain

BOARD REPORTS

Madam Deja Vu Deux, DJ Ruscik

- a) 50/50 will support our general fund.
- b) Hooker Business: Changing of required quorum number of 32 was discussed and Madam DJ explained that the number seems somewhat arbitrary but may be a result of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the low meeting attendance numbers from early meetings. This year’s challenges have made it difficult to achieve a quorum and no votes have been held since our general meeting in March (there was no general meeting in April or May) Sandy Kerr motioned to change the quorum requirement to 20, all in favour. **SEE NOTE BELOW
By-law change not requiring directors/executive board members to be year-round residents was discussed and in light of this year’s challenges and many meetings taking place virtually the change would not be disruptive to ongoing business. Further discussion/vote will be on October’s agenda.
- c) Fundraising: Food drive not needed at this time
- d) Financial Requests: Request from VFW Post 10127 to support their 11th Annual Cancer Benefit called Angels Help. This benefit will be held on October 3, 2020 at El Rio Golf Club. All donations support the men and women who served in our Military. Board approved a donation of \$150.00
- e) Election committee members Billie Young, Lorie Tidwell, Theresa Kramer, Karen Garside, and Bonnie Kellen will collect nominations for the December election. Details and nomination form will be in upcoming Hooker Heralds.

- f) trailer/storage unit: trailer is now behind the Olde Fish House, new lock and entry combo will be set for the storage unit this month
- g) new email addresses have been assigned to each board member and will be announced in upcoming Heralds as well as posted on our website
- h) donation sorting has been set for Saturday, October 17th, 9-2 @ 7830 Lobean Lane

**Our Quorum – After further review, our Bylaws mandate that we bring up the issue at one meeting; which we did at the September General Membership, and then vote on the issue at the next meeting. (Bylaws Article IX, Section 9.1) For those of you that did not attend this month; it was suggested that we lower the Quorum from 32 to 20 so that minutes, financials and donation requests can be approved at the General Membership meetings. Keep in mind that once again this may be a challenge to obtain final approval. Once the issue has been brought up at the October General Membership meeting and we've received a Motion; we will need a Quorum; currently 32, to approve ! That means that we need YOU to attend the meeting either in person or via WebEx. The online WebEx instructions will be sent out in a future Herald.

Vice Madam Billie Young, Membership (reported by Genie Andrews)

- a) Membership Report: 176 members, 49 renewals have been received for 2021
- b) Meeting Attendance: 32 (22 in person, 10 online)
- c) New member swear-in: 2 new members Tracy Andrews and Jean Fromm were lei'd
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Beth Nelson and Joyce Bieber
- e) September Birthday celebration !
- f) Beacon Bites needs 2 new volunteers, Sandy Kerr and her husband answered the call..thank you !

Secretary, Cindy Walton (reported remotely)

- a) Review and approval of general minutes March, June, July, and August. Motion to approve all by Sandy Kerr, all in favour.
- b) Online Votes: Motion to move the September board meeting to August 27th was not passed, the meeting remained as scheduled for September 3rd.
- c) Mail: August 2020 newsletter from Calusa Land Trust featuring our own Chris Buntin on litter patrol in Bokeelia (way to represent Chris !), thank you note from Robin Lilly for July 50/50 donation towards Little Lilly's feeding the unemployed program, thank you notes from PI Food Pantry for July donation of \$110 plus food and August donation of \$25 plus 67 pounds of food, thank you from scholarship recipient Kaylin Hill

Treasurer, Theresa Kramer

- a) Review and approval of financial reports February-July. Motion to approve all by Natalie Gazda, all in favour.
- August 31 balances are as follows, General: \$1,207.31 (items pending), Scholarship: \$7,494.83 (items pending), Wine: \$2,674.87, PIE: \$6,410.57. Funds have been transferred in September from Centennial savings to general.

Chaplain, Grateful Genie Andrews

a. Chaplin Report 2 card showers in early September for Carol Zaremba who fell and broke her femur, and Monica Kochel who lost her husband.

b. Outreach Report

3 rent requests: \$200, \$500, \$175, mortgage: \$250 and water bill:\$140.24 a sixth request was received but not approved as it did not meet residency requirements

Genie had us all in stitches with her Graveside Service joke, including Miss Matty who attended directly from the gym in her pink yoga pants !!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1.Fundraisers

a) Merchandise Report: Jill Filgut reported that the online store is nearing completion, we are relying on members to spread the word about donations for our merchandise (suggested that each member forward the link to 10 friends) Sample orders will be made to work out any kinks in the process. Cindy Tolliver at Trader's Hitching Post has generously offered her store as a pick-up location for orders..thank you Cindy !

b) Wine Event: next meeting September 21st at SJC Civic Center 6pm

c) PIE Project 2020: Madam DJ has been meeting with Principal Tom to brainstorm ideas for a replacement event for the Derby. Suggestions include beautification of the grounds, creation of a vegetable garden, replacing picnic tables which may be as old as 19 years. Input from teachers is also requested although with the changes teachers are very unsure of what they even need for their own classrooms ! Planning meeting is tentative for Wednesday, September 30th 6pm at The Moose Lodge.

2. Community Support

a) Adopt-A-Road will be Saturday, September 26, 8:30am behind Olde Fish House

b) Blood Drive had 19 donors, next drive will be in November, details TBA. Spaces fill up quickly perhaps due to antibody testing done for each donation, so donors are urged to call ahead and make an appointment.

c) Pine Island Food Pantry needs pork & beans, canned peas, canned carrots, and cat food

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$100 Tonight's winner:\$50 was new member Tracy Andrews

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$36.00

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020

Next General Meeting: Monday, October 12th, location TBD

Meeting adjourned @ 7:47pm on a motion by Jeannie Glenn.