



**Matlacha Hookers**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: May 12, 2025**  
**The American Legion 4106**  
**Stringfellow Rd, St James City FL 33956**

**Please turn cell phones off or put on silence.**

**Please be respectful of those who are speaking and refrain from sidebar conversations.** (These requests came from Members and they suggested a \$5 Penalty after one warning!)

Call to Order by Madam Linda Bohacek 6:31PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam

Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Madam Linda Bohacek**

**\*\*Donna Stone and Laura Larson from PI Elks presented \$250 check for Derby\*\***

1. 50/50: Pine Island Elementary Fishing Derby - Trying new 50/50 game of 100 squares, \$5 per square. Once card is filled the winner number will be revealed. 50% to winner the other 50% to PIE Derby. Card not filled at meeting so will carry-over to June General meeting.

2. Financial Requests: None

3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:

Fundraising:

- a. Fishing Derby May 16, 17 & 18 @ Jug Creek Marina;
  - i This event has been a rollercoaster over the last few years with hurricanes, location changes and legacy chairs not available
  - ii DJ, Kelly, Linda, Lorie, Jeanelle, Anna have all stepped up to lead
  - iii Captain's meeting on Friday with dinner at Kickstands
  - iv Adults will fish on Saturday using iAngler, \$100 per fisherman
  - v Will likely need volunteers on Saturday to move items around on the island; storage, Maxwell house, Jug Creek

- vi Basket making on Wednesday at Maxwell House
- vii Kids eat free at event on Sunday, food donated.
- viii Volunteers needed in following areas; beverages, merchandise, registration, kids craft, derby deputy, setup/breakdown, baskets, master fix it, 50/50 (full) and floaters
- ix Need to determine petty cash needs
- b. May 13th at 6pm @ Kickstands volunteer informational meeting.
- c. Ft Myers River District Alliance Art Walk June 6th 5-9pm- Lorie - Need volunteers for two shifts 4:30-7 and 6:30-9

#### 4. Past Events and Updates

- a. Stamp Out Hunger May 10th- Donna - Thank you to all the volunteers, Name drawn for thank you GC (Nancy Carlson)
- b. Blood Drive May 10th- DJ - 18 donors, next event in August
- c. Merchandise Past Events
  - 1. Calusa Land Trust Earth Day - at SJCCC
  - 2. Island Market - last one of the year

#### Hooker Business:

- a. Social Media Planning Meeting @ Salty Girls on May 21st @ 6pm
- b. June 18th - 6 pm Social Media Planning -fundraising brainstorming - all welcome – going to hire an external service to redo and merge website, getting bids but expect to be less than \$1000.
- c. Member Mixer supporting local business-Linda Bessette 1. Breakfast at Salty Girls on May 21st @ 8:45am
- d. Hooked on Education Scholarship update- Donna - 11 scholarships awarded, recipients will be at June general meeting.
- e. Adopt a Road May 24th @ Blue Dog at 8:30am- Lorie - volunteer signup once cleanup is complete go Traders Hitching Post for drink and shopping.
- f. Recent donations and sponsorships
  - 1. Cybergrants- \$500 to go to Scholarships
  - 2. \$4000 to go to scholarships from an individual donor for scholarships 3. \$433.34 from Fishers of Men Lutheran church from noisy offerings to go to school supply drive.
- g. Storage shed update- Donna – Moving to CubeSmart on PI road in Cape. Once we have a date for moving will need volunteers to relocate contents and help disassemble/assemble the shelving.
- h. School Supply Planning – Wednesday May 14 @ Tarpon Lodge 4:30

### Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: members and new 166 members
2. Meeting Attendance: 35
3. Call Girls: Donna and Lorie  
Next month's volunteers: Scottie Thomas & Sandy Reynolds
4. Birthday celebrations!

### Secretary, Rachel Branch

1. Review and approval of April general minutes - Motion to approve by Kimmie Rasmussen
2. Mail

### Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Financials – April – Motion to approve by Heidi Lutz
2. Merchandise report: April \$2419.00  
Volunteers needed for May 18th Derby (see above)  
Showcase new vintage t-shirt  
Volunteer needed for Friday, June 6th Fort Myers River District Alliance Art Walk – included in volunteer request above

### Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report – start getting prepared for hurricane season. Contact numbers 239-28-5129 or 239-588-4901
2. Card Showers
3. GPIA/Beacon of Hope/Pine Island Cares updates next meeting - 6/4 @10
4. Joke

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support
  - a) Pine Island Food Pantry needs to continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald
  - b) Mango Mania looking for artists to create the 2025 limited edition festival shirt; if interested please email [info@pineislandchamber.org](mailto:info@pineislandchamber.org) Deadline May 14th
  - c) Mango Mania, July 12th- Merchandise will need volunteers – sign up at next meeting
  - d) 4<sup>th</sup> of July – may partner with JMC landscaping, they offered multiple trailers. Working through ideas now.

### OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ NA  
Tonight's Attendance Winner: NA

Volunteer of the month winner: Cindy Tolliver – need to determine payout since we adjusted 50/50 plan

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry: \$65

Next Board Meeting: Monday June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. @  
Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday June 9, 2025 at 6:30  
p.m. @ The American Legion, 4106 Stringfellow Rd

Meeting Adjourned: motion by DJ, 7:41PM