



**MATLACHA HOOKERS**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: December 12, 2022**

**American Legion Post 136, 1406 Stringfellow Rd., Saint James City, Florida @ 6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order by Madam DJ at 6:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam DJ

Invocation by Madam DJ

Guests

- Presented Heather Shreckengost with \$250. Gift card for That BBQ Place; John from that BBQ place needs volunteers.
- Christy Rau - \$5,000 Donation to FISH for the Christmas Basket Brigade

**BOARD REPORTS**

Madam DJ Ruscik

a) 50/50: Helping Paws - Lorie Tidwell made a motion to give to Paws; motion carried.

b) Hooker Business:

1. Adopt a Family- American Legion Auxiliary- Does anyone know of a family/Senior Citizen in need- If anyone knows of a family in need please let Teresa, DJ, Christy, Joanne or Rachel know.
2. Pine Island Cares
3. Storage Unit-additional shelving- Will inventory the trailer and storage unit; shelving is needed to access and organize; we don't know the cost; Linda Bohacek made motion to approve \$500. For shelving; motion carried

c) Fundraising: -

1. Caroling: Weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup>; wear Christmas attire; the goofiest the better; we will let everyone know we have already made a donation to FISH and we are not asking for donations; if we do get any it will go to FISH; special editions of the Herald will have the routes.  
December 16th meets at 5:30 @ Elks Parking Lot  
December 17th meets at Burnt Store Tavern at 5:30 p.m.;  
Sunday, December 18th meet at Elk's Parking Lot at 11:30 a.m.
2. Travel Raffle-February 13, 2023 will be the drawing; Tickets are \$25.00
3. Cooling Ties- Natalie has made 325 cooling ties; the merchandise team will be selling them; \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00
4. We received a check for \$25,000 from an event with Deb and the Dynamics; the money is for hurricane relief

d) Financial Requests: None

#### Vice Madam Julia Gaylor, Membership

- a) Membership Report: 117 for 2023; 41 are new members; 10 new members tonight
- b) Meeting Attendance: 75; 1 online
- c) New member swear-in: Carole Anne Hensley, Sara Carpenter, Stacey Forbes, Christina Lange, Chris Peacock, Vicki Jande, Cheryl Neary, Mary Anne Elmore, Jo Williamson, Judy Phelps, Sherry Howerton, Jennifer Ryan, Teresa Shaddock and Rachel Birch.
- d) Call Girls Thank You and next month's volunteers: Tania and Heather
- e) Birthday celebrations!
- f) New Member Information: Hooker Herald, please check your spam folder; will receive a member packet with website password; calling cards;
- g) Board Member Elections Results: Joanne Correia, Lorie Tidwell, Darcy Conner and Christy Rau (will fill the one-year term vacated by Michelle King) all will serve in the role of Director.
- h) Cindy Walton and Carole Ann Hensley will be Call girls for the January membership meeting
- i) Calendars- will try for January 2024
- j) New member mixers will return next year in January

#### Secretary, Carolyn Ryzanych

- a) Review and approval of general minutes; Anne Van Kirk made a motion to approve November general meeting minutes; motion carried.
- b) Mail – read 3 thank you letters.

#### Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of financial reports – motion made by Julia Gaylor to accept September financials; motion carried.
- b) Motion to approve October financials by Joanne Correia; motion carried

#### Chaplain, Madam DJ- in Anita's absence

- a) Chaplin Report
- b) Outreach Report - \$250 to That BBQ Place in Matlacha

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

#### 1.Fundraisers

- a) Merchandise Report: Linda Bohacek- \$4,523.00 in November, Rebuild Pine Island @ Fine Swine event; next event at Island Market on December 31<sup>st</sup>; members pick up your free t shirt before the meeting ends; we have sold year to date \$17,500.00; Holiday parade on

December 23<sup>rd</sup> in Bokeelia we will have a table selling our merchandise, 3:30-6:00 is the Holiday market; parade at 6:00 p.m.

- b) PIE Derby: Julia, Deb and Monica- postponed; we would like to sell our shirts, hats and rulers; would like to do the kid's derby since we have the fishing rods; need to find a place to fish;
- c) Island Luau: Joanne and Sandy- Planning meeting Monday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. @ Firehouse #4-we also meet at Miceli's at 4:30 for drinks and libations then we head over to the firehouse for the meeting; need volunteers to solicit; need help with food management please attend the meeting. Bring gently used jewelry to the next meeting for the Chic Boutique.

## 2. Community Support

- a) Blood Drive: February 2023; we will have the date and location at the January meeting
- b) Pine Island Food Pantry needs –Check updates in Hooker Herald
- c) Hurricane Rebuilding Committee /Pine Island Cares; non for profits that hand out financial assistance now it's transitioned into more organizations on the island to discuss hurricane relief mostly to hand out resource guides; working closely with other organizations; our funds are working towards "Hook a Ride", we came up with stops/pick -ups, 8 passenger van going around the island on Tuesdays and Thursdays; must have a Florida ID with Pine Island address; collecting demographics and partnering with Lee Trans in the hopes they will create a route on the island; Honey Wagon, call them to have RV/Trailer black tanks emptied; building supplies, have done 2 "handouts" next one on December 19<sup>th</sup>, working with American Legion and Firehouse #1 for the building supplies; 270 sheets of drywall; 270 sheets of sub flooring ply wood; we will have 100 boxes of screws for drywall and plywood; 50 7 gallon totes and 50 10 gallon totes; full time residents only; need driver's license and utility bill; not giving supplies to individuals that have 2 homes; helped 74 residents at the last handout; next one will be posted online 4 sheets of dry wall and plywood and a box of screws; the goal is to handout supplies every Monday morning; we are using the Go Fund Me money for these programs; Hurricane Committee discusses what is needed. Thank Aaron from the American Legion on having Dotson pick up the debris in St. James City;
- d) St. James City Civic Center- Hurricane Ian damage update; floors damaged; roof needs to be replaced; they are not affiliated with a national organization; need \$15k for floors and 10-15K for kitchen; motion to help SJCC from the Hurricane Relief fund; Cindy Tolliver made a motion to donate \$3000. To SJCC; motion carried
- e) Car and Bike Show @ Hurricane Grill and Wings on Pine Island Road in Cape Coral on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.; has been rescheduled; we will have our merchandise there. We are allowed to put in an entry for a car or motorcycle. Please let us know if you can volunteer
- f) We encourage everyone STRONGLY to volunteer; it's not required.
- g) Pine Island Elementary needs volunteers 5-6 at 8:00 to sign up

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 335.00

Tonight's winners:

\$168.00 Linda Bohacek:

\$168.00/volunteer of the month Sherry Howerston

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$ 49.00

Next Board Meeting: January 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. @ MPIFD #4

Next General Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023 6:30 p.m. @ TBD

Julia Gaylor made motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried

Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 p.m.