



MATLACHA HOOKERS
2025 OCTOBER General Meeting Minutes
DATE: October 13, 2025
6:30pm @ American Legion
4106 Stringfellow Rd, St James City

Call to Order by Madam Linda Bohacek 6:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Madam Linda Bohacek
Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

Presentation of donations to Pine Island Elementary

Larry Lappin founder of the Larry Lappin Foundation. 25 years of making meaningful donations to education. Donations: educator classroom funds- \$3700 in room needs; Live school (school store) age appropriate school supplies \$1500; a total of \$5200 in donations to Pine Island Elementary.

A \$2500 donation to Pine Island Elementary School and \$2700 raised from donations from the school supply drive.

Amy from Spots Icecream asked patrons to round up to donate to Pine Island Elementary raising \$433 in just 2 months.

BOARD REPORTS

- a) 50/50- Calusa Land Trust/ PIE Fishing Derby; DJ has made a motion to donate October funds to PIE Fishing Derby and November funds will be donated to Calusa Land Trust. Motion carried
- b) Financial Requests; none
- c) Fundraising & Event Brainstorming/ Social Media Meeting & Updates; Next meeting October 22nd @ Salty Girls 6p-7p- Linda; continuing to move forward with fundraisers and the new website which is growing each week thank you to Julia. It was spoken about adding the social

media minutes to the website so members can review.

d) Cape Coral Community Foundation grant update-Donna; The 2nd year receiving a donation from Cape Royal Community Foundation of \$2000.00. \$1000.00 to Beacon of Hope for Senior Meals and \$1000.00 to the teacher wish list at PIE. Thank you to Donna for writing and submitting the grant.

e) Herald Editor Bylaw amendment presentation to members; Adding a board member as editor this new election; Joanne made a motion to accept ; motion carried.

Upcoming Events and Volunteers needed

1) Pine Island Fishing Derby November 2nd 2025; next meeting Thursday, October 23rd 6pm @ Salty Girl Island Cafe- Tammey; Still looking for hook a basket donations; instead of bikes there will be scooters; in need of beverages; \$35 to sponsor a child; PIGS will be assisting with set up and tear down; Jug Creek will be providing tables and chairs; GPIA is doing food; Teachers and high school students will be volunteering; live auction items are still needed.

2) Santa Con November 29, 2025- Bar crawl theme; all proceeds to Hooked on Education

3) Lucky Hook Up Update- Kimmy; December 15th deadline to sell tickets; folders with tickets to be picked up today at meeting

4) Meat Raffles: all proceeds go to Hooked on Education

Kickstands October 19 12pm-2pm Pipe Dream playing 1pm-4pm; 2 more volunteers needed

Moose Lodge November 8th 12p-2p; volunteers needed

Burnt Store Tavern- December 13th 2pm- 4pm; volunteers full

5) Ft Myers River District Alliance Music Walk October 17th 6p-10p; Volunteers needed Donna; proceeds go to Hooked on Education; Hookers sell ice, beer and water

6) Island Luau Committee Meeting October 20th and November 17th @ 6p-7p Location: Salty Girls Island Cafe; sign up sheet going around for members that want to run areas

7) Island Market @ Fishers of Men October 25th 9a-2p; Merchandise booth volunteers needed- Linda

8) OLMM Holiday Bazaar @ Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church 9a-1p November 1st- Merchandise booth volunteers needed- Linda

9) Wicked Dolphin Holiday Market & Tiki Fest November 8th @ 11a-5p Merchandise booth volunteers needed- Linda

10) Stone Crab Music Fest November 9th at Winn- Dixie @ 9a-6p

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Past Events and Fundraisers

Mrs. Roper Romp- Tammey; total raised \$3570.25

Burnt Store Tavern Meat Raffle- Elsie; Burnt Store Tavern \$1279.00 & American Legion \$1265.00

Matlacha Art Walk; great event 2nd Friday of each month- Linda

Peace Day Pine Island; quiet time of year but great event- Linda

Adopt a Road- Lorie; big thank you to volunteers; 9 bags of trash; next will be after the holidays more to come.

Adopt a Pelican Auction @ Tarpon Lodge; great turnout and event. Thank to Juli Gilson and Jeff Abbott who created the Matlacha Hooker sponsored pelican

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Membership

a) Membership Report: members 180; October new 4

b) In attendance: 41

c) Elections/ Nominations; tonight is the last night to nominate board members; phone calls will be made to nominees; Special Hooker will go out for meet the nominees; Hooker November meeting will be voting

d) Member Mixer - October 27th at Duffy's in Cape Coral. Making a Mermaid fish tail buoy.Linda

Secretary, Rachel Branch

a) Review and approval of September general meeting minutes; Darcy made a motion to approve the September general meeting minutes; motion carried

b) mail: Thank you from PTO President, Rachel White, and Principal, Dr. Galbreath from P.I.E.

Treasurer, Deb Syring

a) Review and approval of September financial reports; Sandy made a motion to approve the September general meeting minutes; motion carried

b) Merchandise report; \$1337.00

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

a) Chaplin Report -none

b) Outreach requests; none

c) Pine Island Cares - report not given due to time constraints and the full report can be found on the Beacon of Hope website. This covers reports from GPIA and Beacon of Hope and other organizations who attend the meeting.

d) Joke - Anna presented a joke.

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); November general meeting we will be collecting feminine hygiene products***
- b) Food Pantry Volunteers needed; see application info in Herald
- c) Stone Crab Festival November 9th 11a- 6p Winn-Dixie Plaza; Volunteers needed by the Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce to man a beer tent.
10:30am - 6PM
- d) SJCCC is hosting a Pot Luck community event on November 8th from 2pm-5pm

50/50 results collected \$230.00

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Linda Lee \$115.00

Volunteer of the month winner: Elsie Olander \$115.00

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry: \$78.00

Other: Next Board Meeting: Monday November 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Location: Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: Monday November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 136 St James City FL 33956

Adjournment: 8:05pm Jeanne Glenn made a motion to adjourn; motion carried.