



MATLACHA HOOKERS
2025 December Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: December 1, 2025
6:00pm @ Salty Girls Island Cafe
10700 Stringfellow Rd., Bokeelia, FL

Call to Order by Linda Bohacek 6:01pm

Attendance: Linda Bohacek, Lorie Tidwell, Carolyn Ryzanych, Anna Van Kirk, Tracy Chapple, Jeanelle Havlin, Rachel Branch, Deb Syring, Cheryl Neary, Donna Trusik Absent: none

Guests: DJ Ruscik, Elsie Olander, Shirley Noble, Julie Robbers

BOARD REPORTS

1. **50/50:** Idea of Meat Raffle- this idea was cancelled/ Wreaths for Warriors/ Friends of Pine Island Library

2. Hooker Business:

- a) Financial Requests- none
- b) Elections and 2026 board; discussion amongst board members
- c) Fundraising & Event Brainstorming/ Social Media Meeting & Updates; Next meeting December 18th @ Salty Girls 6p-7p- Tracy
- d) Procedures update; all updates were sent to Julia to be posted on the website
- e) Added policy information about social media posts and guidelines- Tracy; information will be given at the December 18th brainstorming and social media meeting
- f) Review policies for amendments based on attorney recommendations; Organizations designated as a charity by State registrations may be considered for funding by the Matlacha Hookers. Requests by individuals cannot be considered for funding.
- g) 2026 Event Chairs - review bylaws under committees; this will move into the new 2026 board/ Amendments will need to be updated for committees in the bylaws. Membership was a topic for discussion and the importance of recruitment.
- h) Christmas General Meeting Dinner/ Board members signed up for desserts.
Special thank you to Rachel Branch and her husband Joe for setting up tables and chairs at SJCCA.
- i) Donations guidelines: A donation with no designation will be deposited to the general fund; if a donation is given in person they will be asked where they would like the funds to be allocated.
- j) Sign Up Genius- account will be created under the matlacha hooker email
- k) Live Webinar Clear Communication: Moving Things Forward brought on by the Chamber of Commerce; December 4th @ 11-12pm

3. Fundraising events with chairs:

- a) Barhopping Christmas Caroling- December 5,6,7 & 12,13,14; Leaders update; Cape Coral/ Matlacha leader needed
- b) Ft Myers River District Alliance Holiday Artisans Market December 5th 5-9pm; all volunteers are signed up and no merchandise is being sold.
- c) Burnt Store Tavern Meat Raffle- Saturday December 13th 2- 4p; all volunteers are signed up
- d) Matlacha Art Walk December 12th 5-8pm; there will be a tent set up for caroling and raising money for FISH
- e) Island Luau Meeting December 15th 6-7p Salty Girls- Linda; sending out letters on 12/2 for soliciting and to donors; January is the month of soliciting; next general meeting we will begin to collect for baskets and items
- f) Island Market @ Fishers of Men December 27th 9-2pm; Volunteers needed; last merchandise event of the year
- g) Cape Coral Art Fest Saturday & Sunday January 10th & 11th 10-4pm; Volunteers needed
- h) Food Pantry Woodstock 2 @ SJCCA January 11th 1-4pm; no merchandise due to Cape Coral Art Fest
- i) Mixer -Bioidentical Hormone Replacement therapy - January 14th 6:30 pm
Beacon of Hope Center for Excellence

Past Events and Fundraisers

- 1) The Quarter Auction Queens Nov 12th; \$1609.00; event went well and may take this idea to the island
- 2) Island Market - Nov. 29th; \$991.00
- 3) Pine Island SantaCon & Rudolph Run- Nov 29th; over 100 people attended; \$553.00 for 50/50 and \$1803.00 all together
- 4) Cape Coral Farmer's Market- Nov 22nd; \$901.00
- 5) Lucy Hook Up- \$6220.00 money raised so far. \$13,000 possible to raise if all tickets are returned; 2 board members will be attending to pull tickets on December 17th at 5pm at Kimmy Rasmussen's home 3689 Jade Avenue, Saint James City - Deb Syring and Tracy Chapple

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych, Membership

- 1) Membership Report: members 187; new 51
- 2) Membership meeting checking in: Donna & Gwen
- 3) Meeting venue / American Legion; outside food is not allowed at the American Legion during meetings; the American Legion will not be charging the Hookers a fee for meeting in their event space.
- 4) New brochure details and ideas will be added to the agenda for the social media meeting
- 5) Banking coordination for signing checks needs to be added to the January board meeting agenda

Secretary, Rachel Branch

- 1) Review and approval of November general meeting minutes Donna Trusik made a motion to approve the November general meeting minutes
- 2) mail: Food Pantry Thank you note
- 3) email vote: Motion by Tracy to approve vacancies for Madam, Tammey Lynch, and for Hooker Herald Editor, Donna Trusik. Motion Approved. 11.17.2025

Treasurer, Deb Syring

- a) Review and approval of November financial reports; financials were not ready and will be reviewed in January
- b) Merchandise report - Linda November \$5338.00

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

- a) Chaplin Report
- b) Outreach requests
- c) Pine Island Cares-Next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, Beacon of Hope 10:00am Get to Know Our Leadership” gathering: Date: Tuesday, December 10th Time: 5-7 PM

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

- a) Pine Island Food Pantry needs to continue to be posted in the Hooker Herald meeting advise members to bring personal care items (easy sizes to pass out and feminine hygiene products)
 - b) Food Pantry Volunteers needed; see application info in Herald
 - c) Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Appreciation Party December 10th @ Cositas Gourmet 10731 Stringfellow Rd, Bokeela, 5:30- 7pm
- d) December Market & Melodies December 13th 10-4p @ SJCCA put on by the SJCCA
- e) Tarpon Lodge Holiday House of Hope Sunday December 5,6 & 7; Hookers will be helping with kids crafts on 12/7

OTHER: Next Board Meeting: Monday January 5, 2025 6:00pm; Location: Salty Girls Next
General Meeting: Monday December 8,, 2025 at 6:30pm; Location: St James City Civic Association doors open at 5:30 pm

Adjournment: Jeanelle made a motion to adjourn 7:31pm. Motion approved.