



MATLACHA HOOKERS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 9, 2024

American Legion Post 136, 4106 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

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 Carolyn Ryzanych @ 6:33pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Carolyn Ryzanych
Invocation by Anna Van Kirk

BOARD REPORTS

Vice Madam Carolyn Ryzanych

1. 50/50: Calendar Girls(raising money for guide dogs for US veterans)/ Pine Island Playhouse; Cindy Walton motion to donate money for Calendar girls

2.Financial Requests: none

3. Upcoming Events and Volunteers Needed:

Fundraising:

a. Christmas Caroling- Tracy (schedules on table) Schedule will be listed in the Herald and on Facebook; Christmas caroling this past weekend was very successful, all money raised for FISH \$1339.00 plus \$500.00 from American Legion Riders. Tammy Lynch motion to donate a shirt to Tammy at Eagles Nest for birthday.

b. Island Luau- March 2nd; luau planning meeting December 16th @ Salty Girls 6pm Sandy Kerr and Joanne Correia. Money to the Beacon of Hope and SJCCC, Need

assistance with finding a liquor vendor; packets were given out to members to start conversations with local businesses for sponsorship; Wine donations needed for mystery wine.

- c. Fishing Derby- May 16, 17 & 18 of 2025 event location TBD, next planning meeting December 17th 6pm @ Kickstands in SJC
- d. Art Fest Ft Myers- Saturday February 1st; volunteers will be needed for beverage tents, online sign up information given and many members were signed up at the end of the meeting- Donna Trusik & Rachel Branch; January general meeting bring up carpooling
- e. Island Market @ Fishers of Men Lutheran Church December 28th; volunteers needed for merchandise booth (every last Saturday of the month until April); Volunteers sign up sheets going around during meeting
- f. Cape Coral Art Festival and Marketplace January 11th & 12th 10am to 5pm Cape Coral Parkway; volunteers needed for merchandise booth; Volunteers sign up sheets going around during meeting
- g. Toast and Shop December 20th @ 5pm, volunteers needed for merchandise booth; Volunteers sign up sheets going around during meeting
- h. Snow Crab Jan 26th @ Winn Dixie; Volunteers sign up sheets going around during meeting
- i. Meat Raffle January 25th Burnt Store Tavern 2-4pm proceeds go to scholarship fund; Volunteers needed for this event

4. Past Events and Updates

- a. Adopt a Dolphin Auction Tarpon Lodge- Linda Bohacek \$180.00 auctioned
- b. Christmas Caroling December 6th St James City line up- Tracy Chapple \$1338.00 raised
- c. Family Day @ Holiday House of Hope- Anna; Wonderful time, thank you volunteers.

Hooker Business:

- a. Elections/ Nominees- 2025 board introduction and election; Joanne Correia made motion to approve 2025 board. Motion approved, 2025 board sworn in by DJ Ruscik.

New Board board members are as follows: Linda Bohacek, President, Carolyn Ryzanych, Vice-President, Deb Syring, Treasurer, Rachel Branch, Secretary, Ann VanKirk, Chaplain, Lorie Tidwell, Director, Donna Trusik, Director, Tracy Chapple,

Director, Jeanelle Havlin, Director, Kelly LaMagna, Director, and Cheryl Dion Neary, Director.

b. Social Media Planning Meeting/ Mission statement Workshop- December 18th 6pm @ Salty Girls Cafe; all members encouraged to come

c. Member Mixer supporting local business- Tracy Chapple and Linda Bessette; making new friends and meeting new hookers

1. Breakfast @ Salty Girls December 16th @ 8:15am
2. Ice Cream Social @ Spots January 7th @ 6pm
3. Trader's Hitching Post Sip & Shop December 12th @ 4pm
4. Coconut painting on January 9th @ 10am at Linda Bessette's home

Vice Madam, Carolyn Ryzanych

1. Membership Report: members 2024 209 members 57 new members; 2025 102 renewal 14 new members
2. Meeting Attendance: 52
3. New member swear-in: 3 new members Caryne Hanson Sylvia Radvansky Terri Rosenquist
4. Call Girls: Kelly LaMagna & Donna Andre
Next month's volunteers:
5. Birthday celebrations!

Secretary, Rachel Branch

1. Review and approval of November general minutes; Jeanie Glenn made motion to accept
2. Mail: Armando Perez scholarship update in schooling and appreciation for scholarship

Treasurer, Deb Syring

1. Financials - November motion made by Joanne Correia
2. Merchandise report: November \$2,359.00

Chaplain, Anna Van Kirk

1. Outreach Report; GPIA is still helping families in need; 400 beds GPIA; Beacon of Hope new main contact Nancy Cote recipient of scholarship

2. Card Showers
3. Joke

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Support

- a. Pine Island Food Pantry needs- Needs are posted in the Hooker Herald b.

Kiwanis Annual Pine Island Calusa 5k Saturday January 11th Alden Pines

8am; Bronze \$250 sponsorship selected- Linda Bohacek

- c. Toast and Shop December 20th @ 5pm Island Center

- d. Network at Night Holiday Celebration December 19th @ VFW 5:30- 7:30pm; Meet and Mingle, music and food (wear something festive)

- e. December 28th 12pm- 4pm @ Eagles Nest Tania Watkins fundraiser

- f. Carmen's Kayaks Potluck & Paddles December 25th dinner @ 1pm @ Knight's Landing; members were told if someone is in need of a meal please contact for delivery.

OTHER:

50/50 collected \$ 252

Tonight's Attendance Winner: Kelly LaMagna Volunteer of the month winner: DJ Ruscik

Tonight's donation to Food Pantry \$142.00

Next Board Meeting: Monday January 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. @ Salty Girl Island Cafe

Next General Meeting: **Note time change -Tuesday January 14, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. @ The Eagles Nest Restaurant 10880 Stringfellow Rd Bokeelia

(kitchen and bar open)

February meeting will be held at Overtime Pizza on February 10th @ 6:30p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02