

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Ashton Democratic Club

HFC Community Room

June 5, 2025, 6:30 PM



Attendance of Board of Directors

Ron McKie, President
Deanna Mayne, Vice-President
Carolyn Ritz, Treasurer
Howard Mayne, Secretary
Board Member Phyllis Brushaber
Board Member Paul Ritz
Board Member Charles Roland

Attendance

30 Members

Call to Order

6:30 pm by Ron McKie, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of New Members/Attendees/Birthdays acknowledged

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 1, 2025, General Meeting distributed in advance to the membership were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$2269.24. After promised payment of dues, the expected balance will be \$2464.24. Members were reminded that membership for 2025 is now due.

Speaker

The invited speaker, Luis Davila, was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Luis Davila is running for a Florida House seat in Nov 2026. We will reschedule him,

Vice President Announcements

We have reserved the HFC for the Fall Social in late October. (Details will follow later.)

In addition, the membership was reminded that the Polk Democratic Party Annual Fundraising Gala will be held at Lake Ashton on October 25. David Jolly has been invited to attend.

It was announced that there would be no July Meeting.

Other Announcements/Reports

There will be a “No Kings” protest on June 14 5.30—7.30 pm in Munn Park, Lakeland. (See www.mobilize.us or www.nokings.org to sign up.) In addition, the “Pride in the Park” event will be held at the same venue between 10 am and 3 pm.

Cal Posner noted that in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American military, there would be a formal event at the Clubhouse on June 14.

Pamela June announced that a Juneteenth celebration would be held at Lake Ashton on June 21 from 1 to 4 pm.

Report from Carol Gillespie, Lake Wales Commissioner

Carol reported back from the Commission. She has opposed some recent expansion projects, citing lack of adequate water supply and lack of job opportunities in the area. President McKie urged members to attend Commission meetings to show support for Carol, and get the word out that resistance to the Commission’s agenda is strong.

Snowflakes

Ron McKie reminded the group that Snowflakes were ready and willing to help candidates. Snowflakes meet 6-8 pm each Tuesday. Efforts in the near future include supporting Dollison (Winter Haven Commission incumbent), Matthew Crowley (Winter Haven Commission candidate). Ron reminded the Club that stamp donations for Snowflakes were always welcome.

Sweatshirts and Tee Shirts

Several of the wittier shirts on display were pointed out. Particularly praised were “Truth Decay” and “Let’s Go, TACO!”

Trivia

The Maynes passed out a trivia quiz involving presidential books.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:13 pm.