

**Prime Timers Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2025**

Quorum: The Prime Timers Board of Directors met at the home of Steve Hoffner. President Steve Horowitz called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Members present included Steve Horowitz, Steve Hoffner, Rick Coyne, Jerry Travis, and Matt Leona. Lee Linkous and Bill Thomas were excused.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Bill Thomas, Board Members briefly discussed the Treasurer's Report and decided to discuss it further at the next meeting when Bill is present. A projected deficit for next year resulting from fewer members will be an important point of discussion. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Secretary's Report: There being no changes to the July Secretary's Report, Jerry Travis moved, and Steve Hoffner seconded that the report be accepted as submitted. Motion passed.

Old Business

Steve Horowitz noted that his radio interview about Prime Timers was tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on September 27<sup>th</sup>. He will send a link to allow others to listen prior to the interview.

Board members discussed the new Text Message communication tool that allows messages to be sent by text. Membership reaction to the new program has generally been positive, although ten members have opted to stop receiving texts.

The September General Membership meeting will feature remarks by openly gay former Sarasota County Commission Member, Ken Shelin, on the history of the gay movement in Sarasota. The next General Membership meeting will be in January, and one discussion topic will be whether to revert to monthly meetings instead of quarterly. We will also invite discussion on this topic at the September 28<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

The October Annual Business Meeting will include elections for some Board positions, a discussion of Chapter finances, recruitment of younger members and minorities, future meeting dates, the November 15<sup>th</sup> picnic, and the annual Holiday Dinner Dance. Lee Linkous will be asked to get menu items and pricing from Peridia Golf and Country Club. Members also will be asked for their input on the type of raffle items to be offered at the Holiday Dinner Dance.

New Business

Future membership activities that have been scheduled include a visit to the Classic Car Museum in Venice at noon on October 16<sup>th</sup>, a tour of the Big Cat Habitat at 12:30 p.m. on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and a visit to the Elephant Preserve in Myakka sometime in February. We will try to get a speaker from the Elephant Preserve for our January meeting. We will also talk with Max Givon about speaking about his recent African Safari.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Lee Linkous, 4601 Del Sol Blvd., Sarasota.

Adjournment: Jerry Travis moved to adjourn, seconded by Rick Coyne. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Hoffner, Secretary and Steve Horowitz, President