

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club August 7, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 118 members in attendance.

September meeting – Labor Day

President Ken advised that the September meeting would be on Labor Day. He advised that the Everglades Rec. Center would be open and asked for a show of hands of how many members would be inclined to attend the September meeting given the Holiday. There was a strong showing of hands. He also advised that it will be difficult to arrange for a speaker for September and advised that the Club would try something different and encourage members to share their best fishing story – fact or fiction.

Fish Club Picnic – November 2, 2023**Coordinator reports from June**

President Ken alerted the members that the Fall, 2023 Picnic would be on Thursday, November 2 at the Camp Geneva Campgrounds. Tickets will be on sale at the September and October meetings. He encouraged members to bring their (frozen) fish donations to either of these 2 meetings as a cooler will be available to place their donation into. Cost of the ticket will be \$12 per person and is open to member and spouse/guest only. Members were reminded that this is a BYOB event for alcoholic beverages and the Club would provide soda and water.

Coordinator reports from June

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for August trips. Presenters included John Hogan, Jim Scheer, Bruce Speck, Jaye Wolfe, and Gary Doerfert.

Club long haul Club trip recap

President Ken reported that the 4-day Club private trip on The American Patriot was a huge success. Twenty one (21) members and 3 guests were on the trip to Pulley Ridge. We attempted to show the 18 minute video that Club member Charlie Pryde produced but were unable to do so due to technical matters. This video will be shown at the September meeting.

Miscellaneous items

1. President Ken reminded attendees that the Club has gotten very reliant on email to communicate with e members and he encouraged members to make sure the Club has the correct email address so they can receive these timely messages.
2. Members were reminded of the Club's Facebook page and to "like" the page and follow it for all the latest fishing trip pictures and more.

3. President Ken reminded members that customized Club branded apparel was available from our Custom Apparel partner. He referred members to the Club website to order or to stop in to their store in Southern Trace Plaza for more options.

NEW members

Dave Easton handled the new member business and asked David Eoff the number of new members. He responded that there were 17 new members signed up at the August meeting. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Dave invited the new members to stay for a brief orientation meeting following the regular meeting.

Open Forum

One member asked if they knew of a contact that does fishing rod repairs. Several members had recommendations of individuals that do such repairs. Jamie Fowler of The Villages Freshwater Fishing Club shared that his Club is exploring the possibility of holding a joint “swap-meet” with the Deep Sea Fishing Club. More details will be shared when plans are finalized.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Captain Jimmy Tiblier of BVO Charters out of New Smyrna Beach. Captain Jimmy gave a spirited presentation on his background, his boat, his interests and the types of charters he offers. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

100% Raffle

The club raffled off nine (8) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners.

Next meeting is Monday, September 4, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.