

# Minutes

## The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club December 5, 2022

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 168 members in attendance.

### **Sad news**

Members were advised of the passing of member Michael “ Mike” Ray on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mike was a long-time member and fishing enthusiast. Condolences were extended to Mike’e family on behalf of the Club.

### **2023 Dues**

Members were advised that 2023 dues will be due in January. Payments can be made at the December meeting or by mailing their dues check to the Club’s PO Box available on the website.

### **Guest Speaker**

President Ken introduced DSFC Secretary Ida Donegan who introduced 2 Offers from the Sumter County Sheriff’s Department who spoke to members on the Department’s “non-traditional” police programs. Major Pat Breeden and Lieutenant Bob Siemer spoke on the “Vial of Life” program and numerous other topics that could be of benefit to members. They handed out material to assist members in taking advantage of these programs. This was followed by a Q&A session.

### **Coordinator reports from September**

All coordinators reported solid fishing reports for their Captains. Presenters included Jim Scheer (numerous Captains), Bruce Speck (Carl Robinson), Tony Delli Carpini (Orlando Princess) and Jaye Wolfe (Ray Moses).

### **Nomination and vote on new Vice President**

Milford Leedy reviewed the one (1) nominee (Gaylon Thompson) that has stepped forward to fill the vacancy of Club Vice President. He shared info on Gaylon’s background and interests. Given that there were no other nominees, a call for a vote of the membership on Gaylon’s candidacy was made. A unanimous show of hands in favor of Gaylon was received. There were no Nays.

### **Gift Certificates**

Members were advised of the new capability to purchase gift certificates for Club charters. President Ken advised that “this is the perfect gift for the person that has everything.” Instructions on how to purchase are on the Website.

### **Fishing Club Apparel**

President Ken informed the members that they were now able to purchase Fishing Club branded apparel from Custom Apparel – our new partner. Members can order an assortment of shirts and hats directly on Custom Apparel’s website for delivery or pick up at their store in the Southern Trace Plaza. Members can also stop by their store to order specialty items – hats, jackets, etc. - not listed on the website. The link is available on the Club’s website.

### **Club monthly newsletter**

President Ken asked for a show of hands asking how many members had read the monthly newsletter. There was a sparse show of hands. Discussion followed on how the newsletter is getting delivered. This is an action item taken back by the Communications team to improve member readership and delivery of this important tool.

### **Club private charter on The American Patriot**

Ken shared that the 4-day trip on the American Patriot from July 31, 2023 thru August 3, 2023 is SOLD OUT. Signups would be taken on a Stand-By basis.

### **NEW members**

Ida Donnegan reported 11 new members signed up at the December meeting. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Ken invited the new members to stay for a brief orientation meeting with Dave Easton. This brings the Club’s membership to just under 700 members!!!

### **Open Forum**

Several members shared items during this segment.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

### **100% Raffle**

The club raffled off eight (8) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations all. The winners were David Gross, Joe Italionia, Randy Cooper, Greg Wolpuert, Pete Lieburg, Ida Donegan, Doug Manger, Bill Johnson.

Next meeting is Monday, January 2, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

