

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club February 6, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 196 members in attendance.

Odds & Ends

- The Spring Fish Fry will be Thursday, April 6th. Cost of tickets will be \$12 (each) per member and guest. Tickets will be available for purchase at the February and March monthly meetings. Fish donations will be encouraged.
- 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.
- President Ken advised that the Audit Committee issued their report of the Club's 2022 finances. The Committee stated "All incomes and expenses for the year 2022 were in accordance with the Club's objective; there was no expense that was not bona fide. No mishandling of funds was suspected nor found." President Ken thanked Dean Hooker for once again chairing the Audit Committee.
- Members were reminded of the Club's monthly newsletter, Facebook page and Website. Members were encouraged to become familiar with each resource as they contain much helpful information on Club activities.

Coordinator reports from December

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).

Guest Speaker(s)

President Ken introduced Club member Charlie Pryde who introduced Cary Crutchfield, a guest from The Coastal Angler sport magazine. Cary graciously provided multiple copies of their current magazine for members. Charlie then introduced Captains Ralph Hawkins and Nikki Heeney from the American Patriot. A short video was presented narrated by Captain Ralph followed by a presentation. The 2 speakers spoke in detail about their boats and the fishing opportunities of each. They also shared what members can expect on the Club's private charter in July. There was significant member interest to the video and the Captains' presentation. This was followed by a Q&A session. Four gift cards were raffled to members for future trips on either the American Patriot or the American Hunter compliments of the Captains.

Club private charter on The American Patriot

President 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.

RAFFLE to win a spot on the Fishing Club's private charter on The American Patriot

President Ken shared that Captain(s) Ralph and Nikki of the American Patriot were incredibly gracious in offering a "free" trip on the 4-day trip on the American Patriot from July 31, 2023 thru August 3, 2023. The Club's Board of Directors determined that a raffle will be held where members could buy tickets for this prize. Since this trip is sold out, the only way to go fishing on this trip is to buy the winning ticket. Tickets will be sold at the January thru June monthly meetings and at the Club's Spring Fish Fry Picnic at a cost of \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be at the Fishing Club's monthly meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023. You do not need to be present to win.

NEW members

Ida Donnegan reported 36 new members signed up at the February 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 over 750 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 (9) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners.

Next meeting is Monday, March 6, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.