

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club January 2, 2024

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 117 members in attendance.

Administrative

President Ken recognized the Club's hard working Volunteers. He called them out individually to be recognized. He asked the Membership for a round of applause for these hard working individuals.

Swap Meet update

John Holloway, Coordinator for the Spring Swap Meet, gave an update on this event. John said that 11 table reservations have been made and shared the check-in and event start time parameters. There are still openings if someone wants to secure a table at this event which will be open to all Village residents. John asked for anyone interested to contact him via email at johnbholloway@gmail.com

Annual Dues renewal

Members were reminded that they are now able to renew their annual dues for 2024. The annual dues remain unchanged at \$10.

Coordinator reports from November

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for January trips. Presenters included Steve Newman, John Hogan, Bruce Speck, Jim Scheer, and Dave Easton.

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 that signed up at the 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

Only 1 member raised a question. He asked if there was a better way to handle signups for long-haul trips on The American Patriot. He commented that when he learns of these trips, they are already full and he is unable to get a reservation. President Ken advised he would take the suggestion into consideration.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Jim Garth of The Villages Honor Flight organization. Jim highlighted the group's efforts with a short video showing Veterans on a visit to Washington, DC. He shared the day's experience for these Veterans and shared the incredible emotions these Veterans experience while on their trip. Jim entertained questions and encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to speak with him after the meeting.

100% Raffle

The club raffled off six (6) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners.

Next meeting is Monday, February 5, 2024 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.