

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club July 3, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 93 members in attendance.

Thanks to Oxford Pennant Company

President Ken unveiled the new Deep Sea Fishing Club banner at the July meeting. He expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Oxford Pennant Company for providing the banner at minimal cost. Ken shared that our Club logo is vibrant and colorful and we should display it proudly. The plan is to display this banner at Club meetings and any trade show or Expo that the Club participates in.

Coordinator reports from June

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for July trips. Presenters included John Hogan, Jim Scheer, Bruce Speck, Jaye Wolfe, and Gary Doerfert. Additionally, Club member Charlie Pryde talked about the 4-day deep drop trip to Pulley Ridge that he and 3 other members participated in. His YouTube video of the trip was shown before the meeting.

Logistics for long haul Club trip July 31st

President Ken reported that car-pooling arrangements were finalized. President Ken advised that he will send an email with specific instructions for travel to Marco Island and boarding for our trip. After the meeting, He and Charlie Pryde met with those members that were at the July meeting that are signed up for the trip. They covered a range of logistics matters and answered questions. There were about 10 members that joined.

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.
4. President Ken reminded members that the September meeting falls on Labor Day. He shared that Everglades Rec. Center will be open. He asked for a show of hands as to

how many members would/could attend this meeting. There was favorable response to attending.

NEW members

David Eoff reported 13 new members signed up at the July meeting. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Ken invited the new members to stay for a brief orientation meeting with Steve Bowlus.

Open Forum

The only member that opined asked of the possibility of holding a joint “swap-meet” with the Fresh Water Fishing Club. President Ken thanked the member for his idea and advised that this has already been discussed with Jamie Fowler and the possibility of holding such an event in the Fall is very realistic.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

Club members Gaylon Thompson and Steve Bowlus were the guest speakers this month. Both presented a variety of APPS that members could access that provided a wealth of fishing info – from rules, size limits, bag limits, tide info, best time of day to fish predictions and much more. Members were very engaged and asked questions. Thanks to Steve and Gaylon for a job well done.

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, August 7, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.