

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club June 3, 2024

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 102 members in attendance.

Gag Grouper and American Red Snapper season openings

President Ken shared that the Gag Grouper season in the Gulf of Mexico has not been announced yet. He added that the Red Snapper season will be 88 days in length starting on June 1, 2024 and ending on August 28, 2024. He encouraged members to get their Red Snapper trips booked early as demand for trips will be robust.

Fishing Trip Coordinator reports

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for May trips. Presenters included Jim Scheer, Gary Doerfert, John Hogan, Joe Cicman, Dave Easton, Bruce Speck and Steve Newman.

American Patriot raffle

President Ken announced that tickets are now on sale to win one (1) seat on the Club private trip on The American Patriot in October 2024. Ticket cost is \$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. The drawing will be at the Club meeting in July.

American Patriot – June 2025 long haul trip

President Ken shared that the Club's 4-day deep drop fishing trip is now full. He advised that he would be taking stand-by reservations.

Amendment 2

President Ken shared that there will be a voter amendment called Amendment 2 on November's election ballot. He advised the Club is looking to get more info on this Amendment and may ask the Club's Government Affairs Committee to research and recommend a Club position if so warranted.

August meeting

Members were reminded that August's meeting would be at the Lake Miona Recreation Center on Monday, August 5th. Same time just a different location.

NEW members

Dave Easton advised there were 8 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

There was no activity to report for the Open Forum segment this month.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker – Club President Ken Jagodzinski

President Ken presented an overview on slow pitch jig fishing. He talked about the gear, the techniques, passed around some sample jigs and featured 2 different rod and reel combos that he uses. There was lots of interest from members present. A Q&A session followed.

100% Raffle

Club member Chuck Ogle led the club raffle of eight (8) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners. Chuck also led the second chance raffle.

Next meeting is Monday, July 1, 2024 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.