

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club June 5, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 133 members in attendance.

Nomination for Club Secretary opening

In accordance with the Club's By Laws, President Ken advised that the Club is looking to fill the Board position of Club Secretary given resignation of Ida Donegan for personal reasons. Ken advised the members that this opening has previously been communicated at the prior 2 Club meetings and was also communicated in the May monthly newsletter. Per the By Laws, President Ken nominated David Eoff for this open position. This nomination was seconded by John Hogan. The membership was asked if there were any other nominations. Since there were none, Ken asked for a show of hands from dues-paying members in support of David's nomination. There was a unanimous show of hands for David's nomination. There were no Nays. In conclusion, the nomination was approved.

American Patriot drawing

The Club selected the winning ticket for the July 31st private Club trip on The American from the pool of members that have purchased tickets over the past several months. Captain Casey Russell, our guest speaker for the evening, drew the winning ticket. The winner was Don Van De Steene. Don will be part of this exciting trip and Ken advised he will be contacting Don as he was not at this meeting. Ken thanked all who had purchased tickets for this drawing.

Ken advised that through the generosity of member David Stem, the Club was going to raffle a second-chance prize of a \$495 gift card for a future trip on The American Patriot. David was the winner of this prize that was raffled at the February meeting and is not able to use this prize. Ken thanked David for his generosity. The winner of this prize was Mike Gerwels. Congratulations Mike and happy fishing!

July 3rd monthly meeting

The members were advised that the July monthly meeting would be Monday, July 3. Ken advised that given the holiday on the following day, the Club was having trouble finding a speaker. Ken asked by show of hands how many members would possibly attend this meeting. There was a strong showing of raised hands. Given that level of interest, Ken advised that the Club would offer a presentation on fishing Apps and tools to be put on by Club members Steve Bowlus and Al Anderson. Members appeared in agreement with this suggestion.

Daily Sun request

Ken advised that the Daily Sun was interested in hearing from members for articles with their “Before they were Villagers” segment. He advised that if any member was interested in telling their story, he could provide the contact information for the reporter.

Coordinator reports from May

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for June trips.

Presenters included John Hogan covering for Jim Scheer, Bruce Speck (Carl Robinson), and Jaye Wolfe/Ray Moses.

Logistics for long haul Club trip July 31st

President Ken reported that car-pooling arrangements were almost finalized – thanks to the help of Greg Rottet. Ken advised that a second meet & greet meeting would not be needed and he advised that he will send an email with specific instructions for travel to Marco Island and boarding for our trip.

NEW members

Ida Donegan reported 18 new members signed up at the June 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

Several members shared items during this segment.

One member shared that he “heard” that the Club was discontinuing the bi-annual Club Fish Fry picnics. He advised that he enjoys these picnics and was concerned that they may end. Ken advised that this was not the case as the Club’s Board has had no dialogue on the future of these picnics. Ken encouraged the individual to volunteer to take in active role in the Picnic planning. He expressed that he was not interested in doing that.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

Captain Casey Russell of Crystal River was our guest speaker. He spoke about his boat and his expertise and the near-term fishing opportunity out of Crystal River. Casey also presented info on the upcoming Scalloping season and had gear to demo what is involved in scalloping. There was significant member interest.

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, July 3, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.