

# Minutes

## The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club March 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 205 members in attendance.

### **Odds & Ends**

- President Ken was excited to inform the group that the Club has reached a record number of dues paying members of 794. He asked the new members that signed up at the Spring Outdoor Expo to stand and a round robin of introductions ensued.
- The Spring Fish Fry will be Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost of tickets will be \$12 (each) per member and guest. Tickets will be available for purchase at the April monthly meeting. Fish donations will be encouraged. Members were advised that this event is being changed to a BYOB (Bring your own "Adult" Beverage). The Club will continue to provide soda and water. Any member that has previously purchased a ticket and no longer wants to attend the picnic due to this change, can get a refund. Steve Newman will fulfill these requests.
- Members were advised that 2023 dues are due NOW. Payments can be mailed to the Club's PO Box available on the website. Any member who does not renew by the end of March will be dropped from the active rolls and cannot book any charters.
- 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 February**

All coordinators reported solid fishing reports for their Captains. Presenters included Steve Newman (Thunder), Jim Scheer (numerous Captains), Bruce Speck (Carl Robinson), Tony Delli Carpini (Circle Hook), John Hogan (Stars & Stripes) and Jaye Wolfe (Ray Moses).

### **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. The Meet & Greet for members signed up on this trip will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at Hibiscus Rec. Center at 2 PM. Those signed up are encouraged to attend as we will review all aspects of preparing for this trip.

### **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. 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 thru the 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 44 new members signed up at the March 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 800 members!!!

### **Open Forum**

Several members shared items during this segment.

Of significance, Gary Doerfert agreed to lead a charter on the American Hunter for May 31<sup>st</sup>. The trip will include the fishing charter and round trip bus transportation from The Villages. Gary polled the members to masses interest. More specifics will be shared on the Club's website, Facebook page and newsletters.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

### **Guest Speaker**

President Ken introduced Captain Jacob from the Circle Hook Charters. The Captain spoke about their 3 boats and different types each boat can offer. He also spoke about changes to fishing regulation regarding Grouper and alternatives. There was significant member interest to the Captains' presentation. This was followed by a Q&A session.

### **100% Raffle**

The club raffled off eight (10) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners.

Next meeting is Monday, April 3, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.