

# Minutes

## The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club November 7, 2022

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 198 members in attendance.

### **Welcome to Everglades**

President Ken welcomed many new faces to the meeting. Whether new or returning members, Ken highlighted the Trip Coordinators at the back of the room where members can sign up for charters.

### **Club fish fry picnic**

A hearty thank you was extended to Everett Belter and the Fish Club picnic committee for a very nice event at the Club's Fall Fish Fry picnic last week. About 120 members and guests were in attendance.

### **2023 Dues**

Members were advised that 2023 dues will be due in January. Payments can be made at the December meeting or by mailing their dues check to the Club's PO Box available on the website.

### **Coordinator reports from September**

All coordinators reported solid fishing reports for their Captains. With the hot summer weather soon to be behind us, the fishing has improved considerably on both coasts. Presenters included Jim Scheer (numerous Captains), Bruce Speck (Carl Robinson), and Jaye Wolfe (Ray Moses).

### **Gift Certificates**

Members were advised of the new capability to purchase gift certificates for Club charters. President Ken advised that "this is the perfect gift for the person that has everything." Instructions on how to purchase are on the Website.

### **Fishing Club Apparel**

President Ken informed the members that they were now able to purchase Fishing Club branded apparel from Custom Apparel – our new partner. Members can order an assortment of shirts directly on Custom Apparel's website for delivery or pick up at their store in the Southern Trace Plaza. Members can also stop by their store to order specialty items – hats, jackets, etc. - not listed on the website. The link is available on the Club's website.

### **Club private charter on The American Patriot**

Ken shared that there are only a few spots left for the 4-day trip on the American Patriot from July 31, 2023 thru August 3, 2023. This trip is limited to 25 members and is on a first-come/deposit basis.

### **NEW members**

Ida Donnegan reported 46 new members signed up at the November 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 just under 700 members!!!

### **Open Forum**

Numerous members shared items during this segment.

Long-time member Norm Burr asked about the possibility of having meeting times start in the afternoon because of (some) people's difficulty in night-time driving to attend meetings. After discussion, a few members shared that they would be happy to pick up members in the North areas on meeting nights and bring them to the meetings. President Ken offered to communicate this to all members in the monthly newsletter.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

President Ken introduced Bruce Speck, Trip Coordinator for Captain Carl Robinson of Cedar Key, FL as our guest speaker. Carl spoke on the many opportunities for terrific fishing in the Cedar Key area over the next several months. He also spoke to the air boat charters he will be offering in December thru March. There was significant interest and dialogue from the members regarding these trips. The dialogue was followed by a Q&A session.

### **100% Raffle**

The club raffled off eight (8) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. The winners were Steve Beatia, Gary Madttus, Terry Anding, Richard Shute, Jim O'Hagen, Jaye Wolfe, Mark Baldwin, and Joe Devoto. Congratulations all.

**Next meeting is Monday, December 5, 2022 at Everglades Recreation Center.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.