

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club November 6, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 117 members in attendance.

Fish Club Picnic – November 2, 2023

President Ken thanked everyone that made the Fall Fish Fry Picnic a big success for the Deep Sea Fishing Club. He specifically called out Everett Belter for his volunteer contributions.

January 2024 meeting conflict

President Ken alerted the members that the regular monthly Club in January falls on January 1, 2024. All recreation centers will be closed on this day and requires the Club to seek an alternative date and/or location for this meeting. January's meeting will be held on TUESDAY, January 2 at Ezelle Recreation Center (near Sawgrass Market).

Election of 2024/25 Officers

President Ken advised the membership of the Club's process for electing new officers for 2-year terms. He thanked our Nominating Committee Chairperson - Greg Rottet for volunteering to handle any self-nominations. Since there were no self-nominations, President Ken asked for a Motion to accept the existing Officer team for another 2-year term (2024/2025). A motion was made by Darryl Landas to keep the existing Officer team for another 2-year term. The motion was seconded by Joe Davoti. Our members unanimously approved the Officer slate of Ken Jagodzinski as President, Gaylon Thompson as Vice President, Steve Newman as Treasurer, and David Eoff as Secretary for 2-year terms. Congratulations to the 2024/25 Officer Team!

Annual Dues renewal

Members were reminded that they are now able to renew their annual dues for 2024. The annual dues remain unchanged at \$10.

Swap Meet – February 16, 2024

President Ken advised the membership of a swap meet that will occur on February 16, 2024 at Everglades Recreation Center. Ken advised that this will be a joint event with The Villages Freshwater Fishing Club. Members will have an opportunity get a table spot to sell any fishing tackle they so desire. They can also browse tables to purchase any gear they so choose. He shared that this should be a fun event for both Clubs.

Coordinator reports from September

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for September trips. Presenters included Steve Newman, John Hogan, Bruce Speck, Jaye Wolfe, Jim Scheer, and Gaylon Thompson.

NEW members

Al Anderson handled the new member business and asked David Eoff the number of new members. He responded that there were “lots” of new members that signed up at the meeting. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Ken invited the new members to stay for a brief orientation meeting following the regular meeting.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Captain Hubbard of Hubbard’s Marina in Madeira Beach, FL. Captain Dylan runs a charter operation that specializes in a variety of charter trips. He is also active on numerous Advisory Boards that interact with various Regulatory Bodies in Florida. He shared perspectives on the “science” behind the recent Gag Closure season in the Gulf of Mexico. He also speculated on the 2024 fishing season may look like. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

100% Raffle

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

Next meeting is Monday, December 4, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.