

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club October 3, 2022

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 162 members in attendance.

Welcome to Everglades

President Ken welcomed members to our first meeting at Everglades. There was ample room to sign up for trips, mingle about, watch videos on the massive video screen or simply hang out for the start of the meeting. The Club is poised to accommodate the expected significant rise in meeting attendees over the next several months.

Club fish fry picnic

Members were reminded that tickets were available for this event on Thursday, November 3. Cost is \$10 per member/guest.

Thunder trip Coordinator needed

Tom Martin announced that he is stepping down at the end of September as trip Coordinator for the Thunder party boat. A replacement for this key role is needed.

Coordinator reports from September

All coordinators reported that fishing conditions were beginning to improve. With the hot summer weather soon to be behind us, all were optimistic that the fishing will improve considerably. Presenters included Jim Scheer (numerous Captains), Bruce Speck (Carl Robinson), Jaye Wolfe (Ray Moses), and Tony Dellicarpini (Orlando Princess).

Club private charter on The American Patriot

Ken shared that Club members could continue signing up for a 4-day trip on the American Patriot from July 31, 2023 thru August 3, 2023. A video was shared of a similar trip to the Dry Tortugas by member Charlie Pryde. This trip is limited to 20 members and is on a first-come/deposit basis.

NEW members

Ida Donnegan reported 8 new members signed up at the August 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 625 members!!!

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

GUEST SPEAKER

President Ken introduced Captain Louie Argiro of Crystal River, FL as our guest speaker. Louie spoke on the dynamic Grouper fishing bite that will be occurring over the next few months and encouraged members to get signed up for a charter to take advantage of this bite. He also gave his perspectives on how the recent FWC regulation changes will affect the availability of charters in 2023. The dialogue was followed by a Q&A session.

100% Raffle

The club raffled off six (6) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip.

Next meeting is Monday, November 7, 2022 at Everglades Recreation Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 30 PM.