

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club October 7, 2024

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 122 members in attendance.

Newsletter recap

President Ken shared several items from his October newsletter. They included (1.) how to obtain the free FWC "Fishing Lines" publication, (2.) reminder of the importance of a YES vote for Amendment 2 on November's ballot and, (3.) a reminder that November's meeting will be at Lake Miona due to Everglades being used as a polling location.

Tackle Sale 2025

President Ken announced the joint Saltwater and Freshwater Club tackle sale on Friday, February 21st at Everglades Recreation Center. He advised that more details will be coming soon.

Storm impacts on Crystal River and Cedar Key

Members were shown a short drone video of storm damage to these 2 areas. Member Dave Easton shared his personal travel to both areas and what he observed. Members asked numerous questions and asked how our Club could help.

Fishing Trip Coordinator reports

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for October trips. Presenters included Jim Scheer, John Hogan, Joe Cicman, Dave Easton, Bruce Speck, Randy Herring, and Steve Newman .

American Patriot updates

President Ken provided status updates on the October 21-24 (4) four day trip as being questionable due to the weather situation in the surrounding area. He also advised that the second payment for the June 21 – 24, 2025 trip will be due in January, 2025.

NEW members

Dave Easton welcomed 6 new members that signed up at the meeting. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Dave invited the new members to stay for a brief orientation meeting following the regular meeting.

Open Forum

There were several members that spoke during this Open Forum segment this month. President Ken started the segment advising members of a 44-hour fishing trip on the Gulfstar Endurance on July 25, 2025. He advised this is NOT an official Club trip but encouraged members to sign up if they were interested directly at Gulfstarfishing.com.

Another member asked if the 6-month duration of \$50 trip tickets raffled off by the Club could be extended. President Ken said he would inquire with the Board of Directors and respond.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

Due to the impending Hurricane, the guest speaker was forced to cancel. President Ken advised he would ask them to reschedule to a future month.

100% Raffle

Club member Chuck Ogle led the club raffle of four (4) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners. Chuck also led the second chance raffle.

Next meeting is Monday, November 4, 2024 at Lake Minoa Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.