

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club September 4, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 97 members in attendance.

Fish Club Picnic – November 2, 2023

President Ken alerted the members that the Fall, 2023 Picnic would be on Thursday, November 2 at the Camp Geneva Campgrounds. Tickets will be on sale at the September and October meetings. He encouraged members to bring their (frozen) fish donations to either of these 2 meetings as a cooler will be available to place their donation into. Cost of the ticket will be \$12 per person and is open to member and spouse/guest only. Members were reminded that this is a BYOB event for alcoholic beverages and the Club would provide soda and water.

Coordinator reports from August

Coordinator reports highlighted current fishing reports and openings for September trips. Presenters included John Hogan, Bruce Speck, Jaye Wolfe, and Gary Doerfert.

Club long haul Club trip recap

President Ken reported that the 4-day Club private trip on The American Patriot was a huge success. Twenty one (21) members and 3 guests were on the trip to Pulley Ridge. The 18 minute video that Club member Charlie Pryde produced was shown to members. There was much interest and questions from the Members present.

Ken shared that the Club had a meet and greet session in August to brief members that are signed up for the October and December Club trips on The American Hunter. Topics of discussion included what fish species Members might catch, tackle overview, logistics on boarding The American Hunter and necessary gear to bring along. Eleven (11) members attended.

Miscellaneous items

1. President Ken reminded attendees that the Club has gotten very reliant on email to communicate with e members and he encouraged members to make sure the Club has the correct email address so they can receive these timely messages.
2. Members were reminded of the Club's Facebook page and to "like" the page and follow it for all the latest fishing trip pictures and more.

3. President Ken reminded members that customized Club branded apparel was available from our Custom Apparel partner. He referred members to the Club website to order or to stop in to their store in Southern Trace Plaza for more options.

NEW members

Dave Easton handled the new member business and asked David Eoff the number of new members. He responded that there were 11 new members signed up at the August 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

Members were advised of kayak fishing opportunities out of Port Canaveral. The Club is exploring the possibility of getting the owner to present more info at an upcoming meeting. Several members shared their "fish stories."

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Captain Jake from Circle Hook Charters. Captain Jake gave an overview of storm damage to the Crystal River area from Hurricane Ida. He highlighted recovery efforts. Captain Jake also shared the current fishing situation in Crystal River, the charters that Circle Hook has available. Circle Hook raffled 2 gift certificates for fishing trips. The first prize was a \$100 credit towards a Grouper trip in September and the second was a \$50 credit towards any inshore trip. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

100% Raffle

The club raffled off seven (7) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners.

Next meeting is Monday, October 2, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.