



The Villages Scuba Club

MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 4, 2020

Meeting Place: Lake Miona

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Don Nelson, Co-President

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Highlighted and Accepted. Balance: \$2,152.31

Secretary's Report: Accepted from email report

Attendance: 66 & 7 new guests that introduced themselves (great to see Joanne back after her health scare!!)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2020 dues** are being collected. Contact our Treasurer Mike Gann to mail them in if necessary.
- Club **waiver forms** must be signed by members and on file in order to attend Club sponsored diving events.
- Contact Joe Mankowski, **Web Master**, for equipment sales, updates, etc.
- Club polo shirts and license plates can be purchased at **Custom Apparel** in Southern Trace. Don Nelson also had some decals made. Take one with you on trips to display our logo. Otherwise they cost \$4.
- The Village Scuba Club is on **Facebook**, ask to join and another member will accept you and you are good to go.
- Reminder: Club policy is no selling of products or used gear during club meetings. If you leave something at the back of the room...take any leftovers with you!!!!

Trip highlights provided:

- Feb 8-15 Anthony's Key Roatan Honduras...it was reportedly fabulous!!! They also did a Dumpster Dive and picked up 50 lbs of trash!!!! Urge others to do the same on their trips.
- Feb 7-8 Atlanta Aquarium... no one present to discuss
- Feb 10 moved to 12th Jupiter Dive Center day trip...viz is improving



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- Feb 19 Devil's Den Spring dive...need members to take advantage of these monthly dives
- Feb 22-23 Outdoor Expo Hacienda Rec Center...small turnout but it was chilly!
- Feb 26 Kyalami in Jupiter...actually went yesterday, high waves & sharks
- Anybody go anywhere else....one member went muck diving in southern Philippines & found lots of macro critters...five members rented house in Roatan & had awesome dives with Sun Divers in West End.

NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Mar 16 Jupiter Dive Center day trip POC: Board
- Mar 18 Blue Grotto Spring dive POC: Board
- Mar 30 Kyalami in Jupiter day trip POC: Board
- Apr 8 Jupiter Dive Center day trip POC: Board
- Apr 8-22 Philippines!!!! POC: Gary & Gail Chapman
- Apr 15 Devils Den Spring dive POC: Board
- Apr 18 3 tank dive Jupiter Dive Center POC: Madeline... Weekend dive for those still working!!!
- Apr 22 Kyalami in Jupiter day trip POC: Board
- Apr 28 Picnic at Ponce DeLeon Park Madeline covered details
- May 20 Spring Dive Blue Grotto POC: Board
- May 23-30 Little Cayman \$2400 POC: Jim at Underwater Adventures
- May 27 Kyalami in Jupiter POC: Madeline
- Jun 27 - Jul 3 Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliette depart Miami Holds 12 POC: Jack Farrell....full for 2020, booking for 2021 now
- Jul 25-1 Aug Grand Cayman Cobalt Cove POC: Joanne...all inclusive on the water
- Aug 22-29 Little Cayman \$2400 POC: Jim at Underwater Adventures includes \$100 credit
- Sept 12-19 Bonaire POC: Joanneall inclusive, on the water, great for new divers
- Nov 21-28 Cruise being coordinated POC: Board...Thanksgiving week
- Jan 23-30 Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell

Notes: Madeline pointed out that trip leaders need to leave paperwork at back of the room. Heath reminded everyone (as a legal disclaimer) that the



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club is NOT RESPONSIBLE for trips or any training, the club merely advertises those opportunities.

Training Tip: Heath talked about NITROX...what it is, why you might want to use it, training required and pros/cons.

ELECTIONS !!!!! Members filled out ballots and here's the results:
President Mike Blatti; Vice President Madeline; Secretary Warren Gross; Treasurer Mike Gann.

Thanks to Don Nelson and Heath Davenport who are stepping down after several years on the board! Both will stay active in the club.

PRESENTATION: Jim Laurent gave an excellent presentation on turning your videos and pictures into short films that friends and family can enjoy. He covered how to take good videos and pictures; import them; and use all the tools in iMovie... but he stressed that the same process can be used in various Windows based software programs. Jim posted a link to the presentation on Facebook.

Next meeting is April 1, Laurel Manor Rec Center