



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 2, 2020

Meeting Place: Virtual via ZOOM

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provide highlights and accept

Secretary's Report: Accept from email report

Meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted virtually, using Zoom. Fifty Three sign-ins were recorded, which included several couples and invited guests of our guest speaker. Total attendee count of approximately 40 members and 20 guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues for 2020 are past due.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your dues. The membership rolls will be purged after the September 2020 meeting. Membership includes access to the Facebook page, email lists, and discounts for Club sponsored dive events (when offered).
- Club waiver forms must be signed by members and on file in order to attend Club sponsored diving events. See Mike Gann for a waiver or download from the website. You only have to sign a Club waiver form once a lifetime.
- Check out our website at: thevillagesclub.com. Contact Joe Mankowski, Web Master, for updates.
- The Village Scuba Club is on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thevillagesclub). Go online and ask to join and a board member will accept you. You must be a paid Club member to be accepted. POC is Madeline Helbock. Club policy is **no selling or advertising** of non-scuba products or events on our Facebook page.
- Club polo shirts can be purchased at Custom Apparel in Southern Trace Plaza.
- Mike Blatti has Scuba Club decals for sale (\$4)... or take a free one if you can get it posted at a dive destination.
- Reminder: Club policy is **no selling** of products or used gear during club meetings.

Recapped last month's trips/events:

- Aug 10-13 - Rainbow Reef, Key Largo, FL POC: Joe Mankowski
- Aug 19 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 20 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 26 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Anybody go anywhere else?



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NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Sep 9 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 3 tank dive POC: Warren Gross
- Sep 16 - Devils Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 23 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 29 - Aristakat Charters 2 tank dive, Venice FL POC: Madeline Helbock
- Oct 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 7 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Oct 13 - Rainbow River Drift Dive POC: Madeline Helbock
- Oct 19 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 4 - Club meeting at Lake Miona Recreational Center
- Nov 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 16 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 18 - Devils Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 2 - Holiday Party at Bacall Recreational Center
- Jan 23-30, 2021 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
Note: contrary to a discussion during meeting Scuba Club Cozumel will be re-opening on Oct 8th.
- Apr 15-29, 2021 - Philippines POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- May 1-8, 2021 - Little Cayman \$2400 POC: Jim Calvin at Underwater Adventures (352) 787-0760 includes 3 dives daily, Airfare from Tampa, and \$100 credit
- May 29 - Jun 5, 2021 - Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 3-9, 2021 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliette departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Jul 24-31, 2021 - Grand Cayman POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Aug 21-28, 2021 - Little Cayman \$2400 POC: Jim Calvin at Underwater Adventures (352) 787-0760 includes 3 dives daily, Airfare from Tampa and \$100 credit
- Sep 11-18, 2021 - Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781

Please check our web page and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips.

Trip leaders should provide updates for upcoming trips prior to the next board meeting to ensure that these changes are reflected in the agenda.



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Presentation:

Dr. David Colvard presented on Diver Stress and Techniques for Panic Prevention. A copy of the presentation will be placed on the Club Facebook page and website. A video recording of the presentation will be made available as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM

Next meeting : October 5, 2020, 7:00 PM at Laurel Manor Recreational Center pending reopening of the recreational centers. Otherwise, it will be held virtually, via Zoom meeting. We will also evaluate using Zoom for remote attendance even if we are able to hold meetings at the recreational centers.



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