



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 3, 2021

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provided highlights and accepted

Secretary's Report: Accepted from email report

Meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in-person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendee count was 33.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2021 membership dues. 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 **revised** website at: thevillagesclub.com. A presentation was provided on the changes to the website.
- 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:

- Feb 5 - Jupiter Dive Center 3 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 10 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 17 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive w/ Daily Sun POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 24 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Anybody go anywhere else?



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DISCUSSED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Club Officer Elections were conducted, led by Mike Campbell. The current board was re-elected for the next year, without opposition.
- Mar 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Warren Gross
- Mar 16 - Board Meeting - trip leaders should provide any trip updates prior to the meeting to ensure updates make it into the next agenda.
- Mar 17 - Devils Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 22 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 7 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Apr 11 2PM-6:30PM - TVSC Scuba Rodeo at Mulberry Sports Pool POC: Heath Davenport
- Apr 15-29 - Philippines POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062 - **RESCHEDULED TO APR 14-28, 2022**
- Apr 19 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 1-8 - Little Cayman \$2400 POC: Jim Calvin at Underwater Adventures (352) 787-0760 includes 3 dives daily, Airfare from Tampa, and \$100 credit
- May 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- May 10 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 19 - Devils Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 22-29 - Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- May 24 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 3-9 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483 - **ONE SPOT STILL AVAILABLE**
- Jul 24-31 - Blue Heron Bridge, Riviera Beach, FL POC: Heath Davenport
- Jul 24-31 - Grand Cayman POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Aug 21-28 - 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 - Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jan 22-29, 2022 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Jul 2-8, 2022 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Apr 14-28, 2022 - Philippines POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips.



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Training Tip:

Warren Gross provided an overview of the revised TVSC website. The intent is to use the website as the primary method to communicate with membership regarding announcements; events; meeting notices, minutes and presentations. Facebook will continue to be used for social aspects of the club and echo the website. Joe Mankowski has decided to step down as the webmaster. We are looking for a volunteer who would like to assist Warren Gross with the website.

Presentation:

Tony Bendoraitis presented Shark Tooth Diving. A copy of the presentation is available on the website under the Club Meetings page.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Next meeting : April 7, 2021 at Laurel Manor Recreational Center

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