



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 4, 2023

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 62.

Treasurer's Report: Provided highlights and accepted

Secretary's Report: Accepted from minutes posted on website

REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues for 2023.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2023 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 need to sign a Club waiver form once a lifetime.
- Check out our website at: thevillagesclub.com.
- 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. 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 2 month's trips/events:

- Nov 3 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Course POC: Warren Gross
- Nov 14 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 16 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 30 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 7 - Holiday Party at Bacall Recreation Center POC: Madeline Helbock
- Dec 10-17 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent



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- Dec 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Warren Gross
- Dec 29 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Anyone go anywhere else?

REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Jan 9 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 18 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 23 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 21-28 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483 **FULL**
- Feb 1 - Club Meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Feb 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 15 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 20 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank Lemon Shark dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 24-25 - The Villages Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Mar 1 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center -
Election of TVSC Board Members
- Mar 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 15 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 20 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 13-20 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jun 1-12 - Costa Rica POC: Heath Davenport
- Jun 22-29 - Red Sea Live-aboard Diving with Explorer Ventures POC: Craig Clark (Aquatic Center of Ocala) (352) 245-9162 **FULL**
- Jul 1-7 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483 **One Cabin Available**
- Sep 1-8 - Naboo Resort, West Bay, Roatan, Honduras POC: Debbie Garcia 352-410-3002
- Sep 9-16 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Sep 22 - Oct 7 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Mar 25 - Apr 7, 2024 - Dive the Maldives Aboard the Manthiri POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Heath Davenport presented a training tip on Cold Weather Diving. This presentation will be made available on the website.



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Presentation:

Michael Campbell presented Thirteen Ways to Run Out of Air and How Not To. The handout will be made available on the website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting : February 1, 2023 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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