



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 5, 2023

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 58 members and guests.

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

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.org.
- The Village Scuba Club is on [Facebook](#). 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 for old/\$7 for new)... 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.
Also, please be sure to take your unclaimed gear after the meeting.

Recapped last month's trips/events:

- Mar 6 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 15 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 27 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 30 - Pura Vida Divers 50'-60' Reef 2 tank dive **CANCELED**
- Apr 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Apr 17 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 19 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 27 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 30 - The Villages Scuba Club Rodeo at Mulberry Grove Sports Pool POC: Madeline Helbock
- May 3 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- May 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 13-20 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781

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- May 17 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 22 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 1-12 - Costa Rica POC: Heath Davenport
- Jun 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 7 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Jun 19 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jun 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- 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 **FULL**
- Jul 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Jul 10 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 19 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jul 24 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 4 - Scalloping Trip, Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- 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 **BOATS ARE FULL**
- Sep 22 - Oct 7 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Dec 9-16 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781 **FULL - WAITING LIST ONLY**
- Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips



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Training Tip:

Mike Blatti presented a training tip “Time is not your friend - Scuba Gear”. This presentation will be made available on the website.

Presentation:

Warren Gross presented Ascending Safely. This presentation will be made available on the website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting : May 3, 2023 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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