



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 6, 2023

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The September 2023 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 76 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 (\$7)... 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:

- Aug 4 - Scalloping Trip, Crystal River POC: Madeline Helbock
- Aug 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 16 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Aug 24 - Jupiter Dive Center Goliath 2 tank dive POC: Warren Gross
- Aug 31 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti **Canceled**



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Results of Local Trip Survey regarding day of the week and location were presented. The club will be looking to schedule more local dives on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Some upcoming dives have been adjusted (see below).
- 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 20 (Wednesday) - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 21 - Oct 8 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Sep 25 (Monday) - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 27 (Wednesday) - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 4 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Oct 5 - Rainbow River Drift Dive/Snorkeling at KP Hole Park. POC: M. Helbock
- Oct 11 (Wednesday) - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 16 (Monday) - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 18 (Wednesday) - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 25 (Wednesday) - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 1 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Nov 9 (Thursday) - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 14 (Tuesday) - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 15 (Wednesday) - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 29 (Wednesday) - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 30 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Warren Gross
- Dec 6, 6 PM - The Villages Scuba Club Holiday Party at Bacall Recreation Center POC: Madeline Helbock
- Dec 9-16 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- May 11-18, 2024 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jun 30 - Jul 5, 2024 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell
- Sep 19 - Oct 3, 2024 - Egypt POC: Gail Chapman

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Mike Blatti presented the Training Tip "Diver Medical Screening System". The presentation will be made available on the website.



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Presentation:

Mike Blatti presented the Training Tip “Florida Diving Opportunities”. The presentation will be made available on the website.

50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 08:32 PM.

Next meeting : October 4, 2023 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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