



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date: January 3, 2024**

**Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

**Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The January 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 79 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 2024.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2024 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](http://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 two month's trips/events:

- Nov 9 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 14 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive - CANCELED
- Nov 15 **10 AM** (Wednesday) - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 29 - 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 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 6, 6 PM - The Villages Scuba Club Holiday Party at Bacall Recreation Center POC: Madeline Helbock



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- Dec 9-16 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent
- Dec 13 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive - CANCELED
- Dec 20 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti - **CANCELED**
- Dec 27 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti

## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Jan 10 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Jan 17 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
  - Jan 24 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Jan 31 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Feb 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Feb 7 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
  - Feb 15 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Feb 21 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Feb 23-24 - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center POC: Mike Blatti
  - Feb 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Mar 4 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Mar 6 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreation Center - Board Member Elections**
  - Mar 12 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Mar 20 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - Mar 27 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
  - May 11-18 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
  - **Jun 22-29 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC Adventures Underwater**
  - Jun 29 - Jul 6 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
  - Jun 30 - Jul 5 - Bahamas 104ft Schooner Juliet departing Miami POC: Jack Farrell
  - Sep 7-14 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
  - Sep 18 - Oct 3 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
  - **Dec 7-14 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC Joanne Sargent**
- See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

## Training Tip:

Mike Gann presented "After the Safety Stop". This presentation is available on the website.



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## **Presentations:**

Mike Campbell presented an overview of the roles and responsibilities for Board Members. This presentation is available on the website. Mike Campbell is the point of contact for any club member considering running for a position on the club board.

Mike Blatti presented "Peer Pressure in Diving". This presentation is available on the website.

## **Additional Topics**

An action was taken to review whether the Facebook architecture would support some form of restricted access for non-members without adversely affecting group/club member privacy or causing the current Closed Club Group to be opened to the general public.

## **50/50 Raffle**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

## **Next meeting : February 7 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

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