



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 7, 2024

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The February 2024 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Total attendance was 74 members and guests.

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provided highlights and accept. Mike Gann also reported that the annual financial audit was successfully completed with no findings.

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.
- 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.
- Mike Blatti presented a review of current Scuba Club Facebook policy. This presentation is available on the website at <https://thevillagesclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Facebook-Question.pdf>. The policy will remain unchanged.
- 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:

- Jan 10 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 17 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 20-27, 2024 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Jan 26 - Jupiter Dive Center 3 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti



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- 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

REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- 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 10 AM - 3 PM - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Feb 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 4 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 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 Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 1 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 3 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreational Center
- Apr 11 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 17 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 22 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 11-18 - Little Cayman Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- May 19 2 PM - 7 PM - The Villages Scuba Club Rodeo at Mulberry Sports Pool
- Jun 22-29 - Roatan at CoCoView with Adventures Underwater POC: Mike Campbell
- 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 4 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Dec 7-14 - Roatan at CoCoView POC: Joanne Sargent
- Jan 25 - Feb 1, 2025 - Scuba Club Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Mike Gann presented the training/tech tip "Inflator Maintenance". This presentation is available on the website.

Presentations:

Mike Blatti presented "Boat Diving". This presentation is available on the website.



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50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Next meeting : March 6th at **Bridgeport Recreation Center - Board Member Elections**

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