



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** February 5, 2025

**Meeting Place:** Laurel Manor Recreational Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors**

The February 2025 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 54 members and guests were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Provided highlights and accepted. Mike Gann also presented the financial report for the 2024 Holiday Party.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted from minutes posted on website.

### REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership dues for 2025 are now being accepted.** Dues are \$5. Contact Mike Gann, Treasurer, to pay your 2025 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.**

### Recap last month's trips/events:

- Jan 15 **10AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 21 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 25 - Feb 1 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Jan 29 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Anyone go anywhere else?



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## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Feb 12 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 19, **10AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 28 - Mar 1 - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Mar 3 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 5 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
  - Sea Turtle Conservancy
  - Board Member Elections
- Mar 10 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 19, **10AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 26 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 2 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Apr 7 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 13 - Scuba Rodeo at Mulberry Grove Sports Pool
- Apr 16, **9AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 23 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 24 - May 6 - Philippine Dive Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Apr 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 10-17 - Cozumel at Casa Mexicana POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 5-12 - Cayman Brac Beach Resort POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 6-13 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Oct 10-24 - Banda Sea/Raja Ampat, Indonesia Blue Whale aboard Pindito POC: Gail Chapman
- Nov 6 - Night Golf at Saddlebrook Executive Golf Course POC: Warren Gross
- Dec 6-13 - Roatan at Seagrape Plantation Resort in West End, Honduras POC: Debbie Garcia (352) 410-3002

Additional information on upcoming trips, including trip brochures is available on the club website and on the club Facebook page.

### Training Tip:

Michael Campbell presented the training tip "Customized Diving Log". This presentation will be made available on the club website.



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## **Presentation:**

Larry Thompson, Owner of Calypso Divers presented on overview of The Avelo System. This presentation will be made available on the club website. Contact information for Calypso Divers is available on the club website at <https://thevillagesclub.org/resources/dive-equipment-and-instruction/>.

## **50/50 Raffle**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.**

**Next meeting : March 5 at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center**

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