



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 5, 2025

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreational Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mike Blatti, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The March 2025 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 81 members and guests were in attendance.

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 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.
- 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:

- Feb 13 - 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
- Anyone go anywhere else?



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REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Board Member Elections - Mike Campbell conducted annual elections for club officers. Current board members were re-elected without opposition.
- 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, 3PM - 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 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 7 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- May 10-17 - Cozumel at Casa Mexicana POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- May 12 - Jupiter Dive Center 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 21, **9AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- 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

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips

Training Tip:

Warren Gross presented the training tip "Why You Should Always Carry a Dive Light". This presentation will be made available on the club website.

Presentation:

Evan Copper presented an overview of the Sea Turtle Conservancy. This presentation will be made available on the club website.



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50/50 Raffle

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Next meeting : April 2nd at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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