



# The Villages Scuba Club

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2026

**Meeting Place:** Bridgeport Recreation Center

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

The February 2026 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Bridgeport Recreation Center. Approximately 68 members and guests were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Provided highlights and accepted. The Christmas party expenses were discussed. Due to the low turnout and high expenses (per attendee), the board has decided not to hold a Christmas party in 2026. Desserts and snacks will be provided at a general December meeting. Mike Blatti requested feedback from club members on this plan, and any other ideas members might have. The Christmas party location has not yet been cancelled, so this decision can be reversed if enough feedback is provided.

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

### REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership dues for 2026 are \$5. Mike Gann, Treasurer, is now collecting 2026 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. Please do not invite non-members to the Facebook page. 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.**



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## Recapped last month's trips/events:

- Jan 14 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 15 - Feb 2, 2026 - Maldives Dive Adventure and Sri Lanka Land Safari
- Jan 22 - Feb 2, 2026 - Maldives Dive Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Jan 21 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 24-31, 2026 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- Jan 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive **Cancelled**
- Feb 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive **Cancelled**

## REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Feb 11 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 18 **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Feb 27-28 - Outdoor Expo at Everglades Recreation Center
- Mar 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 4 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center - **Board Elections**
- Mar 11 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 18 **10 AM** - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Mar 25 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 1 - Club meeting at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- Apr 8 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 15 **9 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 16 - Club Picnic at DeLeon Springs State Park POC: Madeline Helbock
- Apr 22 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Apr 29 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- May 2-9 - Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 4-10 Schooner Juliet, departing Miami for Bahamas.  
POC: Jack Farrell (727) 861-3483
- Jul 11-18 - Little Cayman Island POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 5-12 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 16 - Oct 1 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Dec 5-12 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent

See our website and Facebook for additional information on upcoming trips.



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## Presentation:

Warren Gross presented the announcement of a Logo Contest. This presentation and the rules for the Logo Contest can be found on the website at <https://thevillagesclub.org/2026/02/01/logo-contest-for-the-villages-scuba-club/>

## Training Tip:

Warren Gross presented the training tip "Regulator Configurations". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

## 50/50 Raffle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**Next meeting** : March 4th at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center

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