



The Villages Scuba Club

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 7, 2026

Meeting Place: Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Madeline Helbock, President

Pledge of Allegiance

The October 2026 meeting of The Villages Scuba Club was conducted in person at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Approximately 74 members and guests were in attendance.

Recognition: New Members, Guests and Visitors

Treasurer's Report: Provided highlights and accept

Secretary's Report: Accepted from minutes posted on website

REVIEWED OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership dues for 2026 are \$5. Mike Gann, Treasurer, is 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 once a lifetime.
- Check out our website at: thevillagessscubaclub.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 Logo -
 - The club is distributing Scuba Club decals to all members paid for 2026. Pick up at the entrance to the club meeting.
 - Additional decals are available for \$3, see Mike Blatti or Warren Gross to purchase. Free decals are also available for posting at a dive destination.
 - Digital files of the club logo are available on the website on the Resources page.
 - Custom Apparel in Southern Trace Plaza can also embroider shirts and hats.
- 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:

- Sep 5-12 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 16 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 16 - Oct 1 - Ultimate Egypt Adventure POC: Gail Chapman
- Sep 23 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Sep 30 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Gann



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- Oct 5 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Gann

REVIEWED NEW BUSINESS/ UPCOMING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Oct 13 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 21 - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Oct 28 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 2 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 4 - Club meeting at **Bridgeport Recreation Center**
- Nov 11 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 18 - Devil's Den Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Nov 23 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 1 - Kyalami Charters in Jupiter 2 tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 2 - Club meeting at **Laurel Manor Recreation Center**
- Dec 5-12 - Roatan at CoCo View Resort in Honduras POC: Joanne Sargent
- Dec 9 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 16, **10 AM** - Blue Grotto Spring Dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Dec 30 - Kyalami Scuba Club, Riviera Beach 50'-60' Reef 2-tank dive POC: Mike Blatti
- Jan 23-30, 2027 - Dive Paradise at Wyndham Hotel Cozumel POC: Jack Farrell
- May 1-8, 2027 - Cozumel (Lodging TBD) POC: Joanne Sargent (305) 989-7781
- Jul 3-10, 2027 - Cayman Brac POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 11-18, 2027 - Van Der Valk Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire POC: Joanne Sargent
- Sep 30-Oct 9, 2027 - Fiji Dive/Land Adventure POC: Gail Chapman (937) 903-9062
- Oct 7-16, 2027 - Paradise Taveuni Resort Adventure Only or Add-on, Taveuni, Fiji POC: Gail Chapman

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

Training Tip:

Madeline presented the training tip - "Scuba Diving Rules for The Villages Pools". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

Presentation:

Clark Ross and Jean Henry presented "Paddle Sports Scuba Diving". This presentation will be posted under the club meetings page of the website.

50/50 Raffle

Next meeting : November 4th at the **Bridgeport Recreation Center**



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