

MINUTES  
Fishing & Boating Club Meeting  
February 7, 2025

The February meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Tim Husel at 6:01 PM at Marble Hall.

The building Safety Briefing was presented by the Commodore. Commodore Husel asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and the purpose of the Club was read. Twenty-four veterans and 1st responders were asked to stand and be recognized by the Club. Commodore Husel asked that Past Commodores stand, and he recognized Chet Dunn as a Charter Member.

A call to accept minutes was requested by Commodore Husel. Steve Buckeridge moved to accept, Steve DeCrow seconded and it was passed by members.

Treasurer Tricia Evangelista brought the Club up to speed on the status of the raffle, Clambake sponsors and fishing rod sales, along with the recent Club shirt and dinner expenses. The Little Palm Island trip was mentioned along with the announcement that member gift cards will be distributed at the March Club meeting. A motion was made by Brad Thompson and seconded by Florence Schmidt.

There was no Recording Secretary report.

Membership Secretary Pat Fischer was absent and Commodore Tim Husel read her report, stating that 100 tickets were left for Clambake sales. There were 151 members in attendance and 138 members RSVP'd for the dinner. The Commodore reminded all new members that a ticket is required for the Clambake event.

Director at Large Joe Schmidt upgraded the room on the status of the wheelbarrow of cheer and ticket costs (1/\$5, 3/\$10, 7/\$20), and that the new burgees are available for purchase. Director Joe went on to remind members that the Bloodmobile will be back soon and encouraged all to help. Also mentioned was a reminder to wear red on Fridays for veterans.

Director of Fundraising John Fruhmorgen thanked everyone for their sale and auction donations and reminded members of remaining drop off times and dates. Steve DeCrow asked for an updated list of charities the Club donates to, along with dollar amounts, to show potential donors what the Club supports. Former United Way Chairman stated the list would also show that the money collected is stewarded wisely. Director John introduced wood artist Peter Wrack and wife, Sunshine, and thanked them for their generous donation to the Clambake auction.

Tournament Director Dean Williamson explained Shoot Out regulations and information and announced recent fishing winners noting that a lot of new names were being announced this month. Director Dean reminded the Club to look for email blasts regarding contests.

Fundraising Chair Freddie Foster presented a quick update regarding KAIR, turkey distribution, and the Ron Sutton Memorial Kids' Fishing Derby and thanked those who support Club fundraising.

Past Commodore Sue Redding passed a donation jar for Marshall from the Rick Lieder Band for medical expenses in lieu of donating to the bar that evening.

Vice Commodore Carman Slusher reminded all assembled of drop-off dates, times and place for sale and auction items for the February 17th event and pointed out John Fruhmorgen as the contact point. He then asked all Clambake captains to stand and requested they come to him after the meeting for a volunteer sheet listing names and shirt sizes for each team. Slusher also reminded people of the manpower needed and reiterated that if not enough volunteers were available, some food items would be deleted.

Director Joe Schmidt explained the need for end-of-day transfer help as well. It was also noted that only 26 pounds of fish has been collected at 531 9th Street to date for the Clambake.

Charter Member Chet Dunn announced a boating trip to East Cape, south of the Everglades, with the date as yet to be determined.

Commodore Tim Husel reminded members of required fish donations for Clambake. Commodore Tim then engaged Steve DeCrow in a public discussion regarding preparation for next year's Christmas Boat Parade. Next, Ron Teke was thanked for planning the rod building seminar for March 28th and 29th. The deadline to register was noted as Monday, February 10, at noon.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

By-laws changes, including duration of directors' terms changed from 3 years back to the original 2 years and a slight change to the duties of the Director of Fundraising, will be sent out again with the February minutes and again prior to the March meeting. A vote for acceptance will be held at the March 7th meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

KCB Days is March 2nd and the club is in charge of the barracuda races and selling tickets for the wheelbarrow of cheer, liquor only (wheelbarrow not included).

The Annual Golf Tournament is March 8th.

The End of Season Dinner will be held at the Cabana Club on March 29th. Member tickets will be \$45 and guest tickets \$50. Jim Figuerado and staff will be closing the Club to the public from 5:30 to 9:00 PM for this event.

Uncle Manny appeared via Tom Alferes.

The Commodore asked that members allow officers to dine timely and to keep Marble Hall clean. He then thanked all those who helped with tonight's meeting: Christine Martorano, Chris Christensen, Brenda Molofy, Janine Doane, Jenny Ardis, Karen & Joey Raspe, Kirk & Irene

Diehl, Ron Teke, Kitty Sutton, Jan Pflueger and Larry Eliason. Greg Peterson was thanked for rod and raffle help.

Director Joe Schmidt mentioned that memorial plaques for deceased Club Members were ready for installation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chet Dunn. Seconded by Jonathan Lefcourt.

Treasurer Evangelista drew for the 50/50.

Submitted by,  
Kandi Kelderman, Recorder  
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