

MINUTES  
Fishing & Boating Club Meeting  
Friday February 3rd, 2024

The February meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Sue Redding at 6:00 pm at the Key Colony Beach City Maintenance Garage.

Commodore Sue Redding asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sue stated the purpose of the Club is to promote fishing, boating and good fellowship among members.

Past Commodores Chet Dunn and Joe Schmidt were recognized. Veterans were asked to stand. Charter member Chet Dunn was recognized.

Karen Raspe, Joey Raspe, Tracy Chacksfield and Jerry Ong began serving beer, wine and cocktails at the bar at 5:30 pm.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted on a motion by Joe Schmidt which was seconded by Lynn Goodwin and passed by the members.

On behalf of Treasurer Stephanie Withrow, Jim Withrow read the Treasurer's Report with zest which was accepted on a motion made by Florence Schmidt seconded by Jerry Regan.

Membership Secretary Pat Fischer thanked members who used the email RSVP system to confirm their attendance for dinner as it helps the volunteers who are making dinner to prepare accordingly. Pat announced Clam Bake tickets are on sale tonight and are limited to 400 tickets. Pat announced the ability to renew memberships and other ecommerce transactions will be made available online next year.

Membership Co-Chair, Gail Cortelyou announced the presale effort on Clam Bake tickets worked out well this year.

Director at Large Carman Slusher thanked the members for signing up to volunteer at the Clam Bake and to see him if they were still looking for a way to get their hours in. Carman asked for a few volunteers to help with the Clam Bake clean up and with cleanup at tonight's meeting. Carman announced Mike Yunker was in the crowd preselling Wheel Barrel of Cheer tickets tonight, but unlike past years, the wheel barrel will not be included with the prize.

Fundraising Joey Raspe greeted the members and passed the bar replenishment jar. Joey reminded everyone the Kids Fishing Derby would be held June 12th this year and thanked members for their ongoing support of the event.

Fundraising John Fruhmorgen announced the Silent Auction and Yard Sale will again be a big part of raising funds at the Clam Bake. He thanked members for their generous donations in the past and asked all to save their gently used items for the sale. John asked for a few members to help with the follow up phone calls for the auction.

Recording Secretary Diane Slusher asked for donations for this year's Clam Bake Yard Sale and announced donations will be accepted on Thursday February 15th from 3-5 PM and on Friday February 16th from 11-1 at Ted and Pat Fischer's at 195 13th Street.

Past Commodore Joe Schmidt asked members to wear red on Friday's to show support for our soldiers deployed overseas.

Tournament Director Tim Husel announced the tournament winners from December. A complete list of winners are on the club website <https://keycolonyfishing.com>.

## OLD BUSINESS:

John Fruhmorgen thanked Greg Chorebanian of The Wicked Tuna who again donated a custom-made fishing rod to be auctioned at this year's Clam Bake. The custom rod donated last year brought in over \$1,000 for the club. John reminded members to save their unwanted household and fishing items for the upcoming event at the Clam Bake in February.

Ron Tiki thanked the members for generous fish donations for the Clam Bake and we have met the quota needed. Ron announced that the next sunset moonrise Raft Up will be February 25th and encouraged all to join the event.

Vice Commodore Tom Alferes reminded members we live in the best place on the planet. He reminded members to patronize our valued sponsors. Tom announced it takes 110 volunteers for the Clam Bake and thanked the members for their participation. Tom proceeded to entertain the members with an Uncle Manny joke.

Florence Schmidt announced the Marathon Moose Lodge will hold a comedy and dinner event February 17th. Tickets on sale now at The Moose.

Past Commodore and Charter Member Chet Dunn announced the Kirk of the Keys will be holding a memorial service for Sally Flagg at 3 PM on Sunday with Phil Flagg attending.

Commodore Sue Redding reminded the Golf Tournament will be held March 9th with Bruce Vieth and Bob Merna chairing the event once again.

With no NEW BUSINESS, Commodore Sue Redding thanked tonight's members for their help including Kitty Sutton and Anita Alferes for 50/50 sales, Juli and Gene Bitchko who served as tonight's greeters along with Karen Raspe, Joey Raspe, Tracy Chacksfield and Jerry Ong for the bar service. Sue thanked John and Carole Fruhmorgen for their delicious Cuban sandwiches, serving staff Donna and Phil Marconi, and Barb Heitman, Sue Bartkus, Jo Corso, Diane Merna, and Ann Vieth for handling the 30th anniversary shirt order and distribution.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM on a motion made by Joe Schmidt, which was seconded by Lynn Goodwin and passed by the members.

The winner of the \$175 prize from the 50/50 drawing was Chet Dunn who donated it to the bar replenishment jar.

Submitted by,  
Diane Slusher, Recorder  
February 5th, 2024