

MINUTES
Fishing & Boating Club Meeting
Friday, November 1st, 2024

The November meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Tim Husel at 6:00 p.m. at Marble Hall.

Commodore Tim Husel asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our Commodore stated the purpose of the Club is to promote fishing, boating and good fellowship among members. He also added that they are a bit of a social club as well.

The introduction of the new officers was again announced to members for those who were not in attendance at the April meeting.

Commodore – Tim Husel

Vice Commodore – Carman Slusher (absent)

Recording Secretary – Diane Slusher (absent)

Director at Large – Joe Schmidt

Membership Secretary – Pat Fischer

Co-Membership Secretary – Gail Cortelyou

Director Fund Raising / Kids Fishing Derby – Freddie Foster

Director Fund Raising – John Fruhmorgan

Tournament Director – Dean Williamson

Past Commodore – Suzan Redding

And most importantly Treasurer – Tricia Evangelista

Veterans and First Responders were asked to stand, receiving a round of applause.

Past Commodores Chet Dunn, Joe Schmidt, Tom Alferes and Suzan Redding were recognized with Past Commodore Chet Dunn also recognized as a lone Charter Member receiving enormous applause.

A Moment of Silence was held for two members who passed away over the off season - Flo Herberholz & Corky Spehrley, both active members since 2009.

On a high note, a big welcome back for member John Misa who has returned from a life-saving operation and looking great. Both John and his wife Wendy were given the floor and expressed their heart-filled appreciation to the members for the support they received from the membership that played a big part in the successful recovery of John. Wendy also expressed her sincere appreciation to Pat Fischer for her drive, support and direction in making all the overwhelming support they received possible.

Commodore Tim Husel also highlighted the success of the June Kids Fishing Tournament due to the direction of Past Director Joey Raspe and current Director Freddie Foster, plus those other club members who assisted in making the event the success it was.

The minutes of the April Meeting were accepted on a motion by Freddie Foster which was then seconded by Joe Schmidt.

Treasurer Tricia Evangelista read the Treasurers Report after which a motion was made to accept the report by Ted Fischer and then seconded by Sue Redding. The Commodore then read out the numerous charities and clubs to which KCBF&B club donated funds at the end of season.

Membership Secretary Pat Fischer explained to the membership that most of the members had paid their dues and thanked them for being so prompt. Co-Membership Secretary Gail Cortelyou had nothing to report.

A plea was made to the members to search family and friends for anyone they knew who could step up and take over our keycolonyfishing.com website. A guest and waiting list member Paul Kent volunteered to take over as the club's webmaster which received overwhelming applause.

The floor was then handed over to Tournament Director Dean Williamson. Dean explained some changes we could expect throughout the season. We will be removing the Champions and Talechasers Divisions and going to a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Sponsor Tournament Payout. We are keeping the Champion / Talechaser identification titles active for boasting purposes only.

The numerous April payouts were announced:

- Angler of the Year \$1000 award, sponsored by Marathon Garbage Service (MGS), went to David Hammer for a 4.63 pound Yellowtail which scored 43.84% of the Florida State Record.
- 2nd place Angler of the Year \$300 award, sponsored by Captain Pips Marina & Hideaway, went to Wayne Hillen for a 13.11 pound Mutton Snapper which scored 43.34% of the Florida State Record.
- Casual Angler of the Year \$300 award, sponsored by Wholesale Marine, went to Tim Doane for a 2.5 pound Yellowtail which scored 23.67% of the Florida State Record.

For November we have two tournaments:

FRANKS GRILL LARGEST MANGROVE SNAPPER – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Prize Gift Card Awards

CABANA CLUB LARGEST GROUPER – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Prize Cash Awards

Director of Fundraising / Kids Fishing Tournament explained to the members the success of the Kids fishing tournament in spite of the weather delay, and the appreciation the kids expressed at having such an opportunity. Freddie also wanted to canvas members for participation or donations to a Tunnel of Towers Charity Run that was taking place Saturday in Big Pine Key. Members unable to attend but wanting to donate could do so tonight or they will be accepting cash or check donations for the next three weeks for this event.

Director John Fruhmorgan addressed the group requesting unwrapped toys be brought to the December meeting or directly to himself for his highly successful La Nina Toys for Tots under 12 Christmas Drive. He also requested members start doing some housekeeping and identify items that could be auctioned off at the club's February Clam Bake celebration. All items will be considered, including Mercedes, diamond rings, jewelry, household and sporting items.

Director at Large Joe Schmidt announced that a Memorial will be held in March for the two members who passed and that family members will be invited to attend. It will be held ahead of the March meeting at Memorial Park. Joe also encouraged members to wear red at the Friday meetings as a way to show support for deployed troops and veterans – Remember Everyone Deployed (R.E.D.). He also reminded members that the Blood Mobile will be in the parking lot on Thursday November 7th for a blood drive and to please consider donating.

This year's NEW YEARS EVE PARTY will be held at MARBLE HALL and Rick and Dayna will be performing. The party runs from 7 to midnight. Attending members will bring their own snacks, food and adult beverages. The club will provide ice, mixers, and party favors. Cost will be \$20 per person which should cover the cost of the entertainment. Members can purchase tickets at the December meeting or contact Pat Fischer. Those wishing to step up with assisting in hall decorating and preparation can contact Joe Schmidt.

Past Commodore Sue Redding had nothing to add.

OLD BUSINESS

At the April meeting, members were asked to ensure their volunteer hours were recorded by their Captains as we were keeping track of the hours and those not meeting their commitments could see their memberships in jeopardy. Members were thanked for their volunteering as the club could not function without such dedication. The review found that almost all members had performed the required 2 hour minimum per year and also recognized that so many members are going far beyond the minimum requirement.

NEW BUSINESS

Commodore Tim Husel introduced Steve DeCrow as Captain for the Christmas Boat Parade which is planned for Sunday, December 15th this year. A plea was made from members to increase their participation in the parade from its present 35 to 40% of boats entered. The club would like to see at least 15 boats entered. He encouraged members to participate by entering as a boat crew rather than having viewing parties at home. That way they can enjoy the tour through numerous canals and the afterparty being held for participants, executive members and judges at the completion of the parade. Direction Freddie Foster also added that additional sponsors had been canvassed and how such an event is a great reflection on the City and the club that makes it so successful.

Commodore Tim Husel again offered up his boat should there be members out there who would love to decorate a boat for the parade and be part of the crew and after party but did not have the boat to do so.

On behalf of the Vice Commodore, he is looking for Captains for future events, especially the Clam Bake. Carman should be down around mid-month and those interested can contact him for those vacancies required to fill.

The floor was then given to President of the Key Colony Beach Community Association Ted Fischer. He advised the group that the Welcome Back Party was being held at the KC Inn from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday November 21st. Ever been to a Tail Gate Party? This is the theme for this year and attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite team's gear. Cost of attending is \$35 for KCBCA Members and \$40 for non-members.

Events Chair Ron Teke announced the November Sunset / Moonrise will be held November 15th subject to weather conditions. He also spoke of setting up seminars similar to the past and perhaps even a rod-building seminar after a show of hands of members interested in attending such an event.

In closing, Commodore Tim Husel thanked those who helped at the meeting: Karen and Joey Raspe and Kirk and Irene Diehl for attending the bar; Frank and Helen Gessell, Tom and Joan Olewicz, David Hammer and Kitty Sutton for the pulled turkey, coleslaw, chips, and cake served; door greeters and membership attendees and crashers handled by Donna Marconi and Sis Tremblay; and 50/50 ticket sales performed by Kitty Sutton and Connie White.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion made by Joe Schmidt and seconded by Kevin Harrison and passed by the members.

Submitted by,

Pat Fischer / Flo Schmidt Recorders
November 2nd, 2024