

Wild Women on the Water meeting 7/5/2022

Patrice Messina called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 26 attendees.

Ginette Hughes of the Marine Resources Development Foundation in Key Largo gave a presentation about the Marine Lab. This registered charity serves local, regional, and global students. They offer a 5-day teacher workshop every summer and provide free lesson plans, videos and activities aligned with Sunshine State standards. Their website is marinelab.org.

Members then introduced themselves.

Patrice Messina showed off the very positive article about WWOW In this week's Free Press. She has received some response from potential members. She also presented on behalf of Linda Lankenau, who was not present. Next month's speaker will be Rebekah Susa on White Water Rafting; Florida Bay Forever will be presenting in September.

Kathy Sill reported that the organization is operating in the black, with \$5,000 in the account.

Patrice Messina presented the membership report on behalf of Diane Xiomek. There are 42 paid members plus 4 honorary members. Birthdays were announced:

- Jean Coleman
- Judy O'Hara Vetrick
- Holly Mae Smith

Sunshine report by Judy O'Hara Vetrick: a "Get Well" card was sent to Eileen Sylvester.

Patrice Messina reported that 11 boats participated in the July 4th raft-up at Plantation Key Harbor.

Rebekah Susa reported that WWOW has a presence on both Facebook and Instagram, and information can be found on WWOW.com.

There was discussion about a weekend cruise on Royal Caribbean. Most who were interested were leaning to Halloween weekend. No men allowed!

Ann Baxter advised of a Coastal Cleanup of Lignumvitae Key on Saturday, 8/13. There is a need for kayaks and small, shallow draft boats to remove monofilament that is injuring wildlife. A signup sheet was passed around.

Pat Witchel won the 50/50. Next meeting 8/2.