

**ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
WILDLIFE AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

Members present: Patti Cowin, Cari Hale, Don and Belinda Olsen, and Jim Peterfeso.  
Not Present: Jan Meades, Joan Gotthardt, and Lynda Chamowitz.

Also present, visitor, Debbie Yeager.

The Minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Facebook page:** Cari reported that there were now 93 people on our Facebook page. She also indicated that the presentation, coordinated by Jim, "Designing Your Yard for Wildlife" was posted on the FB page.

**Feedback on Presentation:** The "Designing Your Yard for Wildlife" was very successful. There were between 65 and 70 people in attendance and we received very positive feedback. Some of those in attendance are members of the Rotonda West Garden and Nature Club. They meet on Fridays at 11:30.

**Educational brochures:** Jim said he would prepare a brochure on native wildlife and invasive species such as feral pigs, black banded spiny iguanas, tegu lizards, etc. Jim said he would include information on trapping these species and Florida law. Belinda is going to get info from the Butterfly Presenter to do a brochure on the Butterflies of SWFL. Cari is waiting until after Jason's presentation to prepare a brochure on snakes.

**Proposed Schedule of Topics:** Don contacted Jason about a presentation on snakes. The Committee decided to try and have him do two presentations to make it available to a wider audience. One will be at 1PM on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the other will be at 6PM on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> to allow attendance by working adults and school children. The Committee members agreed to broadly advertise the presentations to maximize attendance and also decided to see if Pattie Mihalik would do an article on the Committee and our educational outreach activities. Belinda has lined up Steve Scott, Peace River Butterfly Society (PRBS), to talk about Butterflies and Moths on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.

**New Business.** Belinda indicated that the Peace River Butterfly Society is looking for a location to conduct a butterfly walk. Jim mentioned that the PRBS periodically conducts open meetings with really outstanding speakers. The suggestion was made that perhaps we could have a joint meeting with PRBS followed by a walk-through in Broadmoor Park. That would give our residents the opportunity to hear one of their speakers followed by a guided tour. Belinda will follow up with them and extend an invitation for a joint meeting.

Next a vote was taken to add Debbie Yeager as a new member of the Committee. The members unanimously approved putting her name forward to the Activities Committee and then the Board of Directors for approval.

**Old Business:** The Committee wants to pursue reinstating the last sentence of the Charter changing the word "signage" to "markers" thereby resolving the concern about multiple signs in a single lot. It was further mentioned that as part of the process we would actually remove signage from abandoned and collapsed burrows.

The next meeting will February 19, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 1130.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Cari Hale