

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
Wildlife Committee
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:05.

Present: Patti Cowin, Cari Hale, Debbie Yeager, Belinda Olsen, Don Olsen, Jan Meades, Steve Froggatt
Attending via Phone: Jim Peterfeso, Joan Gotthardt, Lynda Chamowitz
Guest: Stan Pliska

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

Wildlife Facebook Page: 139 members to date. Patti has started posting the Wildlife Committee agenda to our FB page to encourage more community interest.

Educational Brochures Progress: Jim's "Invasive Species" brochure is ready for printing. Joan's and Lynda's brochures (one on Coyotes and another on Bobcats) have formatting issues that need to be resolved prior to printing.

A file folder will be created on our FB page to post all of our brochures.

Guest Stan Pliska informed the members that the information kiosks are complete and ready to be mounted. He indicated that there is plenty of room for Wildlife Brochures.

Proposed Schedule of Topics and Speakers: The Butterfly presentation scheduled for June 21st will now be a presentation by PRWC on Nature's Misunderstood Creatures: Possums, Vultures, and Bats. The committee approved a \$100 stipend to the PRWC for the presentation. Flyers/Posters need to be developed for the July 26th Daytime Moths presentation. Patti agreed to take care of that. Due to a scheduling conflict, the 9 November Butterflies presentation will be held in the tiki hut. The encore Manatee presentation will be scheduled for early December. Suggested dates are the 10th, 11th, or the 13th from 1-3 PM. Stipend to be \$100.

Bird Walks (Nature Walks) will resume in September.

Old Business: Anything purchased for marking tortoise burrows has to be approved by the BOD. Patti and Cari are donating the first batch of markers. Lynda and Joan still have some signs that can be redistributed. Per Hank, only manager will be placing signs. As markers are placed excess signs can be reused.

New Business: A number of RWA members have raised questions about the dead vines around the community. Patti will investigate but thought it might be related to the Brazilian Pepper Tree eradication initiative. She confirmed it was RWA employees doing the spraying and thought the spraying of the vines might be a training issue. She will clarify.

Belinda would like to check into having a sea turtle presentation. She is concerned about balloons being released into the environment, potentially killing sea turtles.

It was suggested that future meetings be delayed to a 10:30 start time to allow for potential over-runs of the 9 AM Deed Restrictions Meeting. Belinda requested the next meeting be post-poned until the 23rd as she and Don would be out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 1130
Next meeting on July 17th at 1030

Respectfully submitted, Cari Hale