

**ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**WILDLIFE AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 8, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 A.M

Members present: Patti Cowin, Chair, Cari Hale, Joan Gotthardt, Lynda Chamowitz, Jim Peterfeso, Jan Meades and Steve Froggatt.

Absent: Ruth Fletcher

Others present: Mike Kipp, Tammy Kipp

Patti called the meeting to order and the group approved the minutes from the last meeting.

Following approval, meeting minutes are posted at [www.RotondaWest.org](http://www.RotondaWest.org). From the main page, click on Committee Minutes, then (under Rotonda West Forum) click Meeting Minutes, then scroll down to Wildlife Sub-Committee and select it.

Patti welcomed Tammy and Mike as proposed new members of our group. Tammy and Mike are part of the Wildlife Center of Venice and are certified gopher tortoise agents.

Steve created a Facebook page for "Rotonda West Wildlife Committee". This will be an informal page that will be a good place to share information about wildlife in Rotonda West, such as breeding season for specific species. Patti will post the article that Jan recently wrote about alligators on that page. Cari will be the Administrator and the site will be open to everyone. Our group will be able to send messages to one another using Messenger.

The group continued our conversation about the cataloguing of burrows. Patti will put the collected information together. Using the Google Maps App and dropping a pin yields a latitude/longitude and a plus code for each burrow that can be entered in the database along with the street address of the burrow.

Update on tortoise relocation efforts: Cari established contact with Kelly O'Connor who is the Gopher Tortoise Biologist for SW Florida. Cari said there are several options that don't require a perpetuity commitment. She has received a one-page questionnaire that will be completed and submitted to the appropriate RWA committees. Cari also mentioned that it might be possible for Kelly to talk with the Wildlife Sub-Committee during a trip here for a site inspection.

The group discussed potential names for our Subcommittee. A motion was made by Lynda Chamowitz, to call the group Rotonda West Wildlife Committee (RWWC) Steve Froggatt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no additional old or new business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 12.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joan Gotthardt