

**ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**WILDLIFE AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 16, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M

Members present: Patti Cowin, Chair, Cari Hale, Lynda Chamowitz, Belinda Olsen, Don Olsen, and Steve Froggatt.

Absent: Joan Gotthardt, Jan Meades, Jim Peterfeso, Mike and Tammy Kipp

Tammy and Mike resigned due to Mikes's election to the Wildlife Center of Venice Board of Directors. Patti will advise BOD to have them removed from the sub-committee.

The minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

Facebook page: Nothing to report.

Educational Brochures have been printed and are available; 100 printed and 50 already gone. Patti would like to create additional brochures, focusing on either other species or more detail about individual species in this brochure, i.e. alligators, sand hill cranes, etc. Steve suggested reptiles, Belinda suggested butterflies (see new items), Cari recommended invasive species; each will prepare info for a brochure on each. Snake expert in RW will be contacted.

Bird Walk: Next one is this Fri at 0745; lasts about 1.5 hours. Meet at Community Center.

The members of the committee then discussed potential speakers. Belinda reported that she has secured a speaker(s) from the Peace River Butterfly Society - they will talk about raising Butterflies, the plants that support them, etc. It was suggested that the presentation be scheduled for some time in January. Other ideas for speakers that surfaced included: the "snake guy"; Wildlife Center of Venice -Nature's Clean-up crew (vultures); Birds of Rotonda West: presentation and/or brochure-Suzy), and perhaps bringing back Jason Thompson, of Charlotte County, to speak on reptiles or another topic.

Old business: the BOD has still not voted on marking tortoise burrows.

New business: Next meeting Nov 13 to avoid Thanksgiving week

Meeting was adjourned at 1058.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Lynda Chamowitz