

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
Wildlife Committee
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:30.

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

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

Wildlife Facebook Page: There are currently 169 members.

Educational Brochures Progress: Joan's and Lynda's brochures (one on Coyotes and another on Bobcats) have been printed and placed in the carousels and in the kiosk boxes. Don will get the FWC snake brochure for us to copy and distribute. Jim contacted Suzy D'Hont regarding a brochure about birds of SWFL. She was not aware of any such brochure in existence. Instead, she will provide us with "reports" of the sightings in Broadmoor Park as well as some photos. These could be added to the kiosks as well as posted on the Wildlife Committee Facebook page.

Upcoming Presentations: Don will confirm with Jason Thompson the dates/times for his presentation on reptiles, October 16th at 1PM and another at 6PM on the 18th. Belinda requested that the presentation focus on the reptiles that are found in Broadmoor Park. On 9 November Butterflies of Florida and Cuba presentation will be held in the tiki hut. The presentation will begin at 10 and will be followed by a guided nature walk through Broadmoor Park. Patti will verify appropriate equipment (screen, projector) and electrical setup are available and functional and ensure plans are in place to address seating and parking concerns. The encore Manatee presentation, by Cora Becham, is scheduled for December 11th from 1-3 PM. Planning for January 2020 presentation on Sea Turtles. Proposed Dates/Times are 1PM on the 15th and 6PM on the 17th.

Old Business: Stan indicated that his plan was for 1 kiosk to be dedicated to pictures of flora and fauna that could be found in Broadmoor Park. Another is to be a large map of Broadmoor Park. Stan requested that the Canal Committee and Wildlife Committee work together to plan out native areas for Broadmoor Park. He indicated that the plans laid out by Mark Hostetler and reviewed/commented on by Bill Dunston is a good starting point. Jim mentioned that he had prioritized the list and will work with Stan to come up with a plan of action to be taken to Buildings and Grounds for their input and then presented to the Board of Directors.

Bird Walks (Nature Walks) will resume on September 20th at 7:40 AM.

New Business: Cari brought some examples of signs that the Committee might buy such as; "Caution, Wildlife Crossing", Alligator warning signs, and don't feed the wildlife signs. As the bulk of them would be best utilized by placement along the roads in Rotonda West she will check as to what needs to be coordinated with Charlotte County.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30
Next meeting on October 15th at 10:30

Respectfully submitted, Cari Hale