

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Present: Stan Plizga (Chair), Jerry Eldred, John House, Nick Gizzi, Bob Winter and Wayne Mengel

Absent: Hank Killion

Volunteers Present: Ron Beckett, Ted Ballin, Ron Aho, Jim Peterfeso

Administration Present: Derrick Hedges

Members Present: Sam Besase, Dale Cook, Gerald Beyer, Linda Dunagan, Diane Shaw

Guests: Tim Farrell and Justin Days, FloridAquatics representatives

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Stan Plizga and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 22, 2020 were approved. Jerry Eldred moved and Nick Gizzi seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business:

Critter Collection Support Items: After discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Eldred and seconded by Nick Gizzi to present to the Board a proposal to purchase 3 large nets, 3 small nets and 3 collection boxes with the costs not to exceed \$600.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

Critter Collection Identification Process: A discussion about the identification process identified a need for training what pond life would be identified, how to identify and how much detail would be needed. Ron Aho and Stan Plizga will meet to plan and develop an identification process.

Critter Collection Schedule: The collection schedule will be part of the Identification Process development mentioned above.

Update on Coastal and Heartland Natural Estuary Partnership (CHNEP): Bob Winter reported he had discussions with a CHNEP representative who informed him that CHNEP would be doing a basic overview presentation of Rotonda. Bob would like the presentation tailored to Rotonda's characteristics. The presentation was put on hold until next year.

Update on Lakewatch event: John House distributed a handout to the Committee and reported that Florida Lakewatch will make a presentation on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The presentation will provide insights into water quality as well as the chemical and biological parameters that impact the wildlife in our community.

Volunteer Commitment for upcoming event: Stan Plizga asked Committee members and volunteers to assist with the Lakewatch presentation's setup and cleanup.

Presentation: Tim Farrell of Florida Aquatics informed the Committee that the canal maintenance work was recorded and reported to the RWA Manager on a weekly basis. He also indicated that a schedule of work is posted on the RWA calendar. In addition, he reported that the schedule of work may be adjusted due to weather events, equipment problems and issues raised by residents.

Old Business:

Status/Task Sheet use: Stan Plizga asked the Committee members if they wanted to continue to use the Status/Task Sheet to plan, document and monitor the Committee's work. The Committee agreed that the process was effective and should be continued.

Maintenance Manual Update: Stan Plizga, John House and Wayne Mengel will meet to develop the Maintenance Manual that will document the programs and processes used to maintain the canals and ponds in Rotonda.

Water Sampling Update: John House reported that we now have water sampler volunteers for Broadmoor Park and he is in the process of training them.

Committee/Volunteer Input:

Jerry Eldred asked about the water sampling process and John House explained the locations in Broadmoor Park and the process used to do the sampling. He further asked if the fountains in the Broadmoor Ponds were helping water quality and John House indicated they were.

Resident Input:

Diane Shaw asked about the canal maintenance schedules and was informed that they are up on the RWA website's calendar; Constant Contact will contain the information soon.

The next regularly-scheduled Committee meeting will be held on March 25, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Mengel