

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Present: Stan Plizga (Chair), John House, Hank Killion, Nick Gizzi, Bob Winter.

Absent: Wayne Mengel     Administration Present: Derrick Hedges, Assistant Manager

Volunteers Present: Ron Aho

Members Present: Stephen Froggatt, Gerald Beyer, Paul Millington, David Gusman, Jerry Eldred, Allyson Eakin, Connie Smith, Jim Shaw, Diane Shaw, Dale Cook, Beth Desmond, Linda Dunagun, James Peterfeso, Joe Amabile, Pam Amabile, Ron Beckett, Ted Ballin, Ron Hill.

Guests: Tim Farrell, Devin Crosbio, 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 October 23, 2019 meeting were discussed but not available.

Presentation: Tim Farrell from FloridAquatics and Derrick Hedges, RWA assistant manager described the maintenance of the Rotonda Canals. They discussed the maintenance techniques of, chemical, biological and mechanical means as ways to control invasive plants

Residents were given the opportunity to ask question so that they may be better informed and educated on the ongoing issues of a changing dynamic system that has to adhere to the guidelines of our regularity agencies, control invasive plants, manage erosion issues, remain a storm-water control system and be aesthetically pleasing.

New Business:

1. Jerry Eldred has been appointed to the Aquatic Committee by the Board of Directors and invited to sit with the rest of the committee.
2. University of Florida's Lakewatch will be presenting the past years aquatic data at our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting @ 5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.
3. Ron Aho and Bill Dunson will be scheduling and organizing the next critter collection event at Lake L04. Additional volunteers will be required to net aquatic lifeforms.
4. Bob Winters presented efforts to host a speaker from the Coastal and Heartland Natural Estuary Partnership. He will be communicating with them to see who they can provide & what is topic.
5. Hank Killion informed us that the County is planning to take depth measurements in the Rotonda River to determine what areas may require slit removal.
6. There was discussion on how to better notify residents about canal maintenance. Motion by Nick Gizzi: Use "Constant Contact" to notify residents of canal maintenance schedule. Seconded by Hank Killion; approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Stan Plizga shared the results of the Jan 17, 2020 critter collection at Lake L04.
2. Stan distributed several draft documents for the committee to review.

The next regularly-scheduled Committee meeting will be held on February 26, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Gizzi