

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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

Volunteers Present: Ron Aho, Ron Beckett

Administration Present: Derrick Hedges

Members Present via Zoom: Sam Besase, Tom Roque, Bryan Cordell, Andre Diamaita, James Peterfeso

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 June 24, 2020 were approved by consensus.

New Business:

Nature Walk: Stan Plizga reported that the nature walks have proven to be very interesting and informative. However, due to the summer heat, the walks for July and August have been canceled; they will begin again in September. The dates for these will be published and members are encouraged to participate.

Update on the Critter Collection Process: Ron Aho went over the handout he developed on the collection process. The handout described the Purpose, Definitions, and Methods of critter collection. He also recommended doing a "dry run" in August. Stan Plizga agreed and the dates for the dry run will be scheduled.

Revisit Littoral and Terrestrial Plantings on LO4: Stan Plizga reported that he plans to bring back Jimmy Laroque of EarthBalance to evaluate the situation and determine how to proceed to ensure the proper plants are utilized and new plants are planted under the warranty agreement with EarthBalance.

Old Business:

Status/Task Sheet Use: Stan Plizga confirmed that the Status/Task Sheet to plan, document and monitor the Committee's work is being updated.

Aquatic Restoration and Management Manual Update: Wayne Mengel distributed revised draft copies of the Aquatic Restoration and Management Manual's first sections to Committee members. He thanked the Committee members for their input. Wayne explained that the first sections of the manual are now complete and now it is time to move on to revising and updating the Appendices.

Water Sampling Update: John House reported that water sampling is continuing and that Lakewatch is back in business. Pickups are collected by Lakewatch every three months.

Committee/Volunteer Input:

Stan Plizga reported the purchase of a locker to store the equipment for use in the critter collection process.

Sam Besase will get a copy of the email from Charlotte County declaring responsibility for the weirs in Rotonda to the next meeting of the Rotonda West Street and Drainage MSBU.

Nick Gizzi requested an update on taking depth measurements in the Rotonda canals. Hank Killian said there was money for depth measuring/dredging in the MSBU budget which is scheduled for 2021.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Mengel