

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

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

Volunteers Present: Ron Aho

Absent: Nick Gizzi

Administration Present: Derrick Hedges

Members Present: Sam Besase

Members Present via Zoom: Steve Froggatt, Andre Diamattia, James Peterfeso and Matt Stricker

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 May 27, 2020 were approved by consensus.

New Business:

New Equipment: Derrick Hedges showed the Committee the newly-arrived nets and related equipment for use in the critter collection process.

Update on the Critter Collection Process: Ron Aho indicated that the process was nearing completion and was ready for a "dry run". He said it was time to schedule the dry run and that volunteers needed to be identified to participate. Stan Plizga said stressed the need for volunteers to work in pairs for safety's sake. He also said that some of the manager's staff might assist.

Update on Building a Wildlife Community: Stan Plizga reported on the need to build a coordinated community effort to formally establish a wildlife community in Broadmoor Park. He is in the process of installing and filling display cases to inform the community about the wildlife in the Park. He is working with the Board president on this process and he is looking for Board direction in developing a plan for this effort. In addition, there is a need to get coordination with other RWA committees. Suggestions were made to form an ad hoc committee comprised of members of other committees and/or to amend the charters of the effected committees to reflect the development of a wildlife community as a responsibility of the committee.

Revisit Littoral and Terrestrial Plantings on LO4: Stan Plizga reported that the littoral plantings around LO4 had only been partially successful and some of the plants had died. Stan plans to bring back Jimmy Laroque of EarthBalance to evaluate the situation and determine how to proceed to insure the proper plants are utilized.

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 draft copies of the Aquatic Restoration and Management Manual to Committee members. He reviewed the contents with the Committee and explained manual identifies five Major Issues including: 1. Water Retention and Storm Water Monitoring; 2. Water Quality Measurement and Monitoring; 3. Vegetation Maintenance and Control; 4. Management and Restoration of Ecosystems and Wildlife Habitats; and 5. Education and Publicity. Wayne indicated that the manual is a living document and while the Major Issues will remain fairly constant the Appendices are updated as new information is identified.

Water Sampling Update: John House reported that water sampling is continuing and that Lakewatch is back in business and has picked up samples collected during the shutdown.

Committee/Volunteer Input:

Hank Killion reported that the Storm and Drainage MSBU has allocated \$1.25 million in the 2021 budget to conduct water depth measurements in the area and that the Rotonda River was included in that amount.

The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on July 22, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Mengel