

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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

Absent: Hank Killion

Administration Present: Scott Feldkamp

Volunteers Present: Ron Hill, Ted Ballin and Ron Beckett

Members Present: Tom Rorque, Ron Aho, Ray and Grace Trp and Carl Jensen

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 22, 2019 meeting were approved via email.

Guest Speaker: Ben Neal of Florida Aquatics made a presentation on the work of Florida Aquatics in maintaining the Rotonda canals. He reported his work was proceeding on schedule. The largest problem he is facing is broken irrigation pipes. He explained that some breakages are caused by recreational boaters. However, he repairs the ones he is responsible for as soon as he can. He also reported chemical usage was down 15% over years past due to better vegetation control practices. Scott Feldkamp reported that member complaints about the canals have dropped significantly, demonstrating community support for the program.

New Business:

1. Review Littoral Zone Planting Contract: Stan distributed and reviewed the \$4,950.00 contract with Earth Balance to plant the Littoral Zone of Experimental Lake LO4. After discussion a motion was made by Nick Gizzi and seconded by John House to submit the contract to the RWA Board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Charter Review: The revised Aquatics Committee's Charter was reviewed. Some concerns were expressed about the Committee's role in the development and evaluation of the Rotonda Canal Maintenance bid contained in the Charter. It was decided by unanimous consent that Stan would take the revised Charter to the Board for clarification on the Committee's role in the bid process. The Charter will then be revised to reflect the Board's position.
3. Discuss Fish Stocking in the Lakes: Stan Plizga introduced Rotonda resident and marine biologist Ron Aho ([ronaho123@comcast.net](mailto:ronaho123@comcast.net)). Ron agreed to assist in

developing a plan for fish stocking in Experimental Lake LO4 following the complete planting of the littoral zone in that lake.

Old Business: John House distributed two documents relating to the water sampling. They were "Lakewatch Water Sampling Procedure" and "Fecal Coliform Sampling Procedure". These will be included in the Aquatic, Restoration and Management Manual (ARMM), which is under development.

Resident Input: Several general questions were asked and answered regarding the oversight of the Rotonda canals and the process of communicating with the governing bodies.

The next regularly-scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Mengel