

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
AQUATIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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

Administration Present: Derrick Hedges

Members Present via Zoom: Tom Roque, Bryan Cordell, Andre Diametta, James Peterfeso, Holly Carr

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 July 22, 2020 were approved by consensus.

New Business:

Nature Walk: Stan Plizga reported that 14 people attended a Broadmoor Park nature walk that was held on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. It proved to be remarkably interesting and informative. The dates for the next Nature Walks are Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov.20 and Dec. 18.

Update on the Critter Collection Process: Stan Plizga reported that the Critter Collection process had a pilot event on August 26, 2020. The critter retrieval and photographing parts of the process were accomplished, while documentation procedures need to be revised. Stan also reported the development of an article for West Ways on the collection, identification, and documentation of plant life and wildlife, which will insure the health of the lake's ecosystem. All members of the committee gave their permission to use their photographs for publication as long as credit was given.

Review Quote for Littoral and Terrestrial Plantings on L04: Stan Plizga reviewed a proposal Rotonda received from Jimmy Laroque of EarthBalance. The three-phase program will include: Initial Maintenance, Planting and Follow-up Maintenance. The proposal includes a warranty agreement to re-plant plants that did not survive, it at no cost. The cost of the program is \$10,925.

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 (ARMM): Stan Plizga indicated that the Critter Collection process, when completed will be placed in the ARMM.

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

Committee/Volunteer Input:

Stan Plizga reported that the two lockers used to store the equipment for use in water sampling and the critter collection are in the maintenance building and ready to store the Aquatics Committee's equipment and supplies.

Stan Plizga reviewed the process for posting and archiving Committee minutes. Copies of the approved minutes will be sent to the RWA Manager, the webmaster and the Lead Administrator.

Stan Plizga reported that Rotonda is listed as a "hot spot" on the eBird website, where viewers can see what birds have been identified in Broadmoor Park. He also reported that the iNaturalist website helps the viewer to identify the plants and animals in their areas. There is a plan to set up an iNaturalist project for Rotonda West.

The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on October 21, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Mengel