

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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

Absent: Wayne Mengel

Administration Present: Derrick Hedges

Members Present: Ron Beckett, Sam Besase, Jim Peterfeso

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Stan Plizga and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of Oct. 21, 2020 were approved by consensus and have been posted.

New Business:

Littoral and Terrestrial Plantings on L04: Hank Killion motioned that the committee approve the acquisition of eleven hundred and eighty one plants which have been recommended by experts; seconded by Nick Gizzi, unanimously approved.

Water Quality test results for Broadmoor lakes L04, L06, L07, L08 and L09: John House presented a detailed report on the Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen, Total Chlorophyll and Fecal Coliforms present in each lake.

Future Water Quality Testing of Broadmoor lakes: As discussed at our last meeting, water samples from several lakes and canals will continue to be sent to Florida Lakewatch for analysis. More lakes will be added once additional volunteers are trained to collect water samples. We will also continue to utilize Benchmark Labs for quick turnaround time for initial data. Dissolved Oxygen in water samples taken from L02, L04, L06 and L09 will be measured after a plan is developed by Hank Killion and John House.

Canal Depth: Hank Killion reported that Charlotte County will be taking depth measurements of all the Rotonda canal system including the finger canals and will determine if and where dredging may be necessary.

Floating Islands: Stan Plizga forwarded information about BeeMats Floating Treatment system to the committee for review. Jerry Eldred suggested that a BeeMat representative come to us to discuss their product. Stan will contact BeeMat.

Broadmoor Park Video: The committee discussed having a video of Broadmoor Park to document current status and future changes. Bob Winter agreed to develop a narrative on the park and lakes.

Wildflower Preserve: The Committee has been informed that Bill Dunson will conduct a tour of the Wildflower preserve in February. It will be open to all RWA residents. The actual date and time TBD.

Websites: E-Bird and I-Naturalist websites are being developed. Broadmoor Park is included.

Committee/Volunteer Input: The Committee budget was discussed. 2020 budget was \$5000 but only \$2041.93 was spent. 2021 budget cut to \$3000. However some expenses can be taken from our reserves which currently consists of \$40,320.00. Zero dollars have been added for fiscal year 2021.

Old Business:

Nature Walks: The Nature Walk in January was cancelled.

Resident Input: None

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Gizzi