

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
AQUATIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

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

Absent: Wayne Mengel

Management: Derrick Hedges

Member Present: Sam Besase

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 April 21, 2021 were approved by consensus and have been posted.

New Business:

The Committee discussed The Florida Aquatics contract to maintain the canals and voted unanimously to recommend to the RWA Board to extend the current contract for one year.

The Committee discussed floating islands of vegetation in lake L06 to reduce nutrient levels, provide habitat for aquatic wildlife and improve the Dissolved Oxygen in the lake. BeeMats a company that provides that service recommended five 575 sq. ft floating islands. They informed us that L06 covered 14.5 acres and that the islands they install would be permanent fixtures. Derrick will contact BeeMats to get quotes for installing the islands and follow up maintenance costs

There was discussion on doing bottom sampling of L06. Methods on how we accomplish gathering the bottom sample were inconclusive and experiments may be necessary. Derrick is to ask Florida Aquatics if they could provide a boat for this experiment.

John House is to check with Benchmark Labs to provide information on doing the analysis and cost associated with this experiment. He reported that L06 has an elevated Ph

Next Meeting: August 18, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Gizzi