

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947
Wildlife Committee

MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM

Present: Cari Hale (Chair), Patti Cowin (BOD Liaison), Cindy Chatham, Brenda Frankenbach, Jim McNeal, Belinda and Don Olsen Via Zoom: Jim Peterfeso

Absent: Kip and Ann Stadnicki, Joan Gotthardt, Lynda Chamowitz,

Guests: John Stem

Approval of Minutes: Cindy motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 minutes. 2nd Don. Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

Cindy related that a speaker from Tampa Bay Bats will do a presentation on a Friday evening, July 19th.

Brenda Frankenbach inquired as to whether we could post notifications of our presentations at the Parade Circle Park as many of her neighbors told her they were unaware of the Snakes presentation. It was pointed out that the park in Parade Circle is county property and we have no authority to post there. Cari indicated that she wanted to pursue getting another sandwich board to place at one of the main entrances to the Circle and that all presentations are announced through Constant Contact and she encourages all owners to sign up for this.

Old Business:

Don related his dismay on the low turnout for the Snakes presentations. Cari expressed concern that the evening Bat presentation may suffer the same fate. Though

Cari addressed Jim McNeal regarding the plants for around L11 indicating that an invoice is needed to get the plants ordered. Jim stated that he needed to finalize the list prior to requesting the invoice. He suggested getting some different colored flags to mark where the various plants should go.

Member Input:

John Stem thought the Snake presentation went well and that the attendees were very engaged. He then asked about the bat box he notified the Committee about and whether or not it was occupied. Cari indicated that it was indeed occupied but did not want to reveal the location as it was not approved by the RWA.

Committee comments:

Brenda related that her attendance at the Snake presentation enabled her to identify a snake she found in her lanai as a juvenile king snake so she was able to capture and release it outside without undue stress.

Cindy expressed her concern regarding the impending merger of Wildlife into Building and Grounds. She believes that will limit member input by reducing the number of members able to serve on committees.

Brenda inquired as to how to report sightings of protected animals. Cari provided the Statewide FWC number 888-404-3922 or on cell phone #FWC.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Next meeting: August 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted: Patti Cowin, Wildlife Committee Secretary