

PONDS, PRESERVES & WETLANDS COMMITTEE

Purpose: To keep the pond, preserve and wetland areas within the boundaries of Verona Reserve maintained and in compliance with Southwest Florida Water Management District parameters, while being mindful of the impacts to the Associations budget.

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Work closely with the board through the committees' board liaison, the property manager, the ponds maintenance contractor and Sarasota county to ensure that ponds and wetlands are maintained in a healthy and vigorous condition.
- Inspect and monitor the community's ponds and wetland areas on a monthly basis to ensure work being done by the ponds maintenance contractor is completed according to the scope of work and contract.
- Communicate with the contractors to share concerns and plan for improvements.
- Respond to owner questions or concerns and bring any issues to the attention of the board, through the board liaison.
- Update owners with any changes or projects in process through email blasts or website posts.
- Coordinate with the landscaping committee on areas of mutual interest.
- Conduct or organize community-wide educational sessions as needed.
- As requested by the board, review the ponds maintenance contractors' scope of work and propose recommended changes.
 - Research vendors and obtain bids as needed.
 - Submit bids and proposals in writing to the property manager and the board liaison, no later than the Friday prior to a scheduled board meeting.
 - Such bids or proposals would include the committee's recommendation.
 - Any recommendation to the board shall be supported by vote of a majority of all committee members.

Duration: The committee is a standing committee and will continue year to year.

Members: The committee is made up of one to three core members, including the chair.

- Members are expected to attend committee meetings and actively participate in the duties of the committee.
- Committee members must be in good standing with the Association.
- Committee members must abide by the Association documents and support the efforts of the board.

Meeting Notice: As the committee does not have final approval authority, the committee may meet in a private residence without public notice, although open meetings are encouraged.