October 29, 2020 RCAT Meetings Notes:

RCAT Members present: Chair Ignacio Franco, Ed Church, Lewis Ames, Anne Pardee, John Pardee, Steve Bekendorkf, Chris Ahoy

Members absent: Charlene Stern, Ken Mastsumura, Khatherine Wei, Lynne Henderson, Austin Henderson, Joanne Dickerson Harper, Maxim Schrogin, Kartik Sredeedar, Anita Dhar ([executive@rotoact.org](mailto:executive@rotoact.org) ), Mac Lingo and Andrew Cullen.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Organizational issues regarding minutes taking, reviewing and approval.
2. Where are headed with our RCAT—What is our goal and how are we going to achieve that?
3. Contacting Other organizations for advice on our RCAT
4. Our on going projects and future projects.

**Item 1.**

The need for meeting notes. All agreed that the purpose is for information for those members who were not present at the meeting. To explain what we did at the meeting and to prepare for the next meeting agenda. Committee members should read the meeting notes before each subsequent meeting to catch up to speed.

It was agreed that we did not need to approve the meeting notes. The information at the meeting produced is a guide.

**Item 2.**

In order to ascertain where RCAT is going with the “The four levels of the Climate Action Committee, “ was reviewed. The Proposed levels of activities (with increasing levels of complexity) are:

**Level 1 Educate** and Inform our members, and eventually broaden to include Bay

Area and California.

*One example is to bring in climate action speakers to club meetings*.

**Level 2** Financially support efforts through grants.

*Two current grants fall into the climate action arena*

*Ecology Center D20-43 and*

*Tuolumne Tree Planting D20-51.*

**Level 3** Coordinate efforts and hands-on projects with other groups.

*For example join Project Drawdown projects or Ecology Center efforts or Rotaractors.*

**Level 4**Launch New “initiatives.” **(New** ventures).

*De novo create a project that is specific for Berkeley Rotary (electric charging stations or solar panels on homes or remove asphalt from schools*

*5. CAC Minute*

**Item 3**

Connection with “Calprig” and the friendly Berkeley Parks regarding “Pollinators.”

Connecting with other Rotary Clubs like San Jose club

**Accomplishments:**

Our ability to bring good Climate Action Speakers have been successful.

Wait for our assigned speaker to complete the presentation on November 4 to determine additional action items and how to expend our committee time more effectively.

Discussion of “operation Draw Down.” Great opportunity to bring the entire membership with information on website with a video or a link.

RCAT on going Freon project a success even though we only collected 42 lbs equivalent to 640 tons of carbon emission.

**Action Items**:

1. Chris Ahoy to follow up with Governor Mark Roberts for distribution of the letter and report next meeting status
2. Anne Pardee to lead a climate action book club by inviting 6 new members to the committee the study group
3. Ed Church to report on the ongoing Freon project developments and develop a paper explaining who is Tradewater, why do we want to remove Freon. How are we doing it? What we will do to be more proactive to find more Freon at the source by investigating at the sellers level by going to bankers, insurance companies etc., to determine a list of prospective Freon deposits.
4. John Pardee to find out information from “Pollinator article.”
5. Lewis Ames to connect with City of Berkeley re Climate Action patterning
6. Ignacio Franco and Karthik Sreeedhar to establish the website to deploy the video or link to show the slide show from Clari (?) to share with BARSHEEP