

**RCP Meeting Minutes May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Aquatic Education Center, 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Heike Perko, Natalie Kruse, Amy Mackey, Amber Brookins, Mike Schooley, Dick Hogan, Brian Blair, Scott Schell;

The meeting was called to order @ 6:37 and the April minutes were approved

**Treasurer Report – Amber Brookins:**

- RCP account as of 5-26-2010 is \$9071.13
- Amber will try to get our events and an article into Country Living Magazine but still no response

**Waterloo Aquatic Education Center – Heike Perko**

- Camps almost sold out
- Considering setting up a tent outside for meals due to crowding in building
- Mike will set a date for worm composting workshop
- Volunteer training is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 7 and there are lots of volunteers
- Fishing supplies have been donated
- Children's library books have been donated by Athens Rotary
- Many positive comments on the newsletter
- A flag pole is in the works for the front of the building

**RCWTA – Molly Gurien**

- The work float was completed but all 3 scheduled floats were cancelled due to high water
- Won't advertise future floats so that cancellation will be easier
- Would like to schedule a float in June
- All access sites are to be reevaluated for public access
- May still apply for DNR Water Trail designation
- An access meeting will be held in June

**Water Quality Specialist – Brian Blair**

- Pierce Run construction delayed due to wet conditions; should be done in Sept.
- E. Branch Stage 2 is under construction and on schedule
- Carbondale doser maintenance has been completed
- MSES presentations by Nick Schell and Jon Brauer went well
- The Harble Griffith project grant is approved and pre-construction sampling will begin this summer, with construction scheduled for next summer.
- The Hocking College watershed management class visited E. Branch
- 2 abstracts have been submitted to the Abandoned Mine Lands conference in September in Scranton, PA
- Kids on Campus has changed their theme to FAST (Fun and Service Together) to promote youth led community service (6wks). They are looking for sites and RCP is being considered. Supervision/oversight will be provided.

### **Watershed Coordinator – Brian & Heike (for Amy Mackey)**

- RCP made \$300 on bake sale and \$49 @ Nelsonville Music Festival (RCWT made \$300)
- Vinton County Airport was visited by RCP and OEPA. FAA required them to extend runway but environmental damage resulted. A valley and 600 feet of stream were culverted and filled with some coal spoil. More fill is needed and terracing will be required to stabilize the site.
- Nora is finalizing our promotional video and would like board input and suggestions on a title (please email input directly to Nora).
- Amber suggested that a slide on how to make tax deductible contributions be included.
- Dana and Hillary will be presenting their project at an MPA Capstone Event scheduled on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1 @ The Ridges Bldg 21.

### **Americorp – Brian & Heike (for Rina Caldwell)**

- One of the new positions has been filled by Kara Walton
- More applicants are being interviewed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> position
- The board is being asked to develop task ideas for the Americorps workers before the August 10<sup>th</sup> start date
- Rina has lots of outreach scheduled and will get printout from Natalie Kruse
- A federal EPA grant will be sought for personnel funding.
- **Rina's Update - Environmental Education:**
- ~Hocking Soil and Water Field Day: Stream Table with 200 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- ~Jackson County Ag. Day: Recycle relay with 200 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- ~Wellston Elementary: Coal presentation, cookie mining, and recycle relay for 130 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- ~Waterfest with Athens County Schools: helped Monday Creek do a pH presentation with 250 kids
- ~Vinton Elementary: Stream study with 180 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- ~Nelsonville-York: Coal presentation, cookie mining, and recycle relay for 120 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- ~This Thursday-Alexander Elementary: Pond study, macro mayhem, and Enviroscape with 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- ~Outreach will culminate with a return visit to Alexander on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for all high school science classes. I would LOVE help with this one if anyone is available!
- ~I passed out fliers for the 3 day camp at all of these schools, so hopefully we will fill that one up soon!
- **Future Staff:**
- ~I only have 10 weeks left!! Please continue to give Amy or myself specific tasks you want the new AmeriCorps to do!! There is no overlap in our terms, so I will not be available to help with training and orientation. It will be up to Amy, Brian, and all of you to help the new AmeriCorps get situated and get to work.

### **Fund Raising/Events Schedule – Heike Perko**

- Keith Palmer (and some other guy in Jackson) are helping with poker run this year; 400 cards being passed out
- RCP has two sponsors to date; The Smiling Skull Saloon and Attractions Hair Salon
- Heike asking for board dedication by requesting each member to find a sponsor or two
- The route will be the same as last year
- Natalie Kruse questioned the cost/benefit of the poker run considering the amount of effort expended. Other fundraising ideas may generate more \$ with less effort.

### **GOBA**

- RCP will have a booth from 1-7 PM in downtown McArthur on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Rina will have a program for children
- RCP will help with vending at the Crumb's Bakery booth at the Rec Center on Thursday and Friday, June 24-25 from 5AM to 9PM. Those participating will wear RCP T-shirts and our cut is yet to be determined.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Greenfire – Dick Hogan**

- An introductory ecological design workshop with emphasis on watershed regeneration will be held @ Greenfire July 27 – 28. Edible forest landscaping will be covered the first day followed by a public presentation, details TBA. A hands-on workshop at a local residence will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day and the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center may be considered as a possible site. Contact Dick Hogan for details.
- A series on “Forest Gardening in Ohio” emphasizing food production will be held in the region featuring Dave Jacke, Dick Hogan, and others beginning in July; see [www.oeffa.org/events.php](http://www.oeffa.org/events.php) for details.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Each board member find sponsors for poker run
- Board members need to develop a list of potential tasks for 2 new Americorps members prior to Aug 10<sup>th</sup>
- Please register your Kroger cards to include RCP as designated charity to generate \$ (Ask others to consider this as well). **Designating RCP as a charity at Krogers does not affect gas point accumulation.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 @ WATERLOO**