

**Raccoon Creek Partnership – Interim Board Meeting Minutes
1-29-07**

Location: Voinovich Center, The Ridges, Building 22, Room 214, Athens, OH
Time: 4:00 PM

Attendance:

Board members - Mary Ann Borch, Mike Schooley, Jen Bowman, Brett Laverty, Constance White, Dan Imhoff

Others – Mitch Farley, Ben McCament

Review of RCP bylaws.

Officers elected:

Chairperson – Mike Schooley
Vice-chairperson – Constance White
Treasurer – Mary Ann Borch
Secretary – Jen Bowman

- Brett – nominated Mike Schooley as chairperson, Mike accepted
- Dan nominated Constance as vice-chair, seconded by Mary Ann
- Constance nominated Mary Ann as treasurer, Brett seconded
- Constance nominated Jen as secretary, Dan seconded

Committee Chairpersons Elected

- Finance Committee: Mary Ann chair as stated in bylaws; Brett, Dan, and Wendy (nominated although not present) as members.
- Technical Advisory Committee: Brett chair; (nominated by Jen, seconded by Constance)
- Membership and Development Committee: Constance chair; volunteered and seconded by Dan.

Articles of Incorporation

- Reviewed Ohio State articles of incorporation application for non-profit groups
- Discussion on whether group can take donations (i.e. raise money) before incorporating, consensus was yes but should check into that. Treasurer could open a checking account at local bank.
- Constance – approve bylaws after a few minor revisions pointed out during review. Dan seconded and board approved bylaws. Chairperson and Secretary are authorized to sign immediately after final revision.

- Incorporation application is \$125 through the Ohio Secretary of State. Donations were asked for by the board and were accepted by the Treasurer for application fee.

Next Interim Board Meeting

- Date and Time: **February 26th, 4:30 pm @ the Nelsonville Public Library.** (room already reserved)
- Agenda:
 - Incorporation status
 - Review IRS 501(c)3 applications, will have a draft to work off of by meeting
 - Send out draft fundraising plan developed by Wendy and Ben as part of sustainability committee training by Rural Action.
 - Waterloo Wildlife Area building – presentation by Heike Perko about RCP interest for leasing the existing building from ODNR-DOW for watershed related activities and the possibility of making the site an aquatic education center.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:10 pm