

RCP Board Meeting December 10th, 2008 The Ridges

Attendance: Jeff Calhoun, Scott Schell, Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Mike Schooley, Heike Perko, Amy Mackey, Ben McCament;

Treasurer Report:

- Molly still needs to be taken off the account;
- The Athens Foundation Grant needs to be closed out. Funds needs to be spent this Spring.
- Jeff will send an e-mail regarding water and spending money on it.

Checking Account Total: 7,738.40

Money Max Account: 5,064.85

Savings Account: 10.00

Waterloo:

- Annual Report needs to be put together for website and newsletter;
- January 19th meeting regarding camps at 4 p.m. Board is welcome;
- Planning Spring, Fall and Summer camp;
- Will plan some hikes for the public;
- Will work on a detailed budget for waterloo, Jeff will give all receipts to Heike;

Water Quality Specialist:

- Finished all sampling for 2008.
- Amy has performed Flint Run and Lake Milton AMD project maintenance.
- Carbondale channel is running, ODNR has not cleaned out channel yet, Jeff and Amy did it with shovels, so far so good.
- Ohio EPA has sampled sediments in the channel at Carbondale doser. No hazardous levels of metals or trace minerals were detected but sludge will be buried on site when removed as opposed to washed into Hewett Fork.
- All data for 2008 is entered into online database management system: www.watersheddata.com.
- Amy is working on the Tiffany & Co. Foundation grant for support of monitoring and maintenance of AMD projects. Submitting letter of intention to see if Foundation will review full proposal.
- Amy and Ben are working on the 2009 work plan.

Raccoon Creek Coordinator:

- Position description approved by Ohio University.
- Job description has been created. Because of state wide hiring freeze the position needs to be approved by a special hiring committee, should be no problem since funds are already secured.
- The position will be publicized via newspapers and on Ohio University human resources webpage around Christmas.

- Interviewing process will likely take place in January.
- Funding comes from ODNR Division of Soil and Water Conservation watershed coordinator grant program, with matching funds from the Voinovich School.

Work Plan:

- Newly hired watershed coordinator will have to begin working on 2009 watershed coordinator proposal since this is the last year of funding.
- Ben has developed a work plan for 2009 and submitted to ODNR Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Newsletter:

- Scott Schell will write an article about an aquatic organism.
- Heike/Amy will add an annual report about Waterloo.
- Any other entry's would be welcome from all and in particular from the RCWTA.

Americorps Position:

- Next meeting December 11th;
- Scott explained and passed out clarifications on the fundraising abilities of the Americorp person, his wife works with such individuals, they can do some fundraising for us as long as it is project specific;
- The Americorp position has a total of 1700 hours;
- All approved the memorandum of understanding;

Membership Drive/Fundraising:

- Amy sent out a mailing with the wish list and a survey asking who will do the newsletter via e-mail or who would like to have it sent via US mail; She also invited folks to participate in various committee's;
- Americorps person will help with membership drive;
- At the next paw paw fest, we can have canoes and members can use the canoes on the lake;
- In 2009 we should hit the Bob Evans festival, **Rocky and Molly will work on this;**
- Rocky will try to get us in touch with the Bob Evans family, the senior who passed away was very interested in our projects;
- **Ideas for future fundraising:**
 - Soccer tournament, Fishing Derby with the Bass clubs, rubber ducky race, Amish antique car show, poker run, dance night at Uncle Bucks;

Quarterly Meeting:

- Rocky will check with Brenda about having a spring meeting in their office in Gallipolis;
- Jeff will check with Rio Grande;
- Scott will set up the meeting at Hocking College in February;
- Heike will see if she can get Tim to come down to speak about Darby;

Moonville:

- Should we partner with moonville rails to trails?
- AOA has purchased a 80 acre property on King Hollow and Hewitt Fork, will be open for hikes and camping by permission, rail trail goes right through it, great location to partner with other like minded groups;

New Business:

- Molly will draft a letter for NRAC board nominations, seeking members to help with Clean Ohio Fund;
- Meeting of the Environmental Council of Ohio, Feb. 28th, Jeff is going is anyone wants to join him;
- SE Ohio Watershed Council meeting, meets quarterly, looking at regional fundraising to start an endowment to support watershed groups, get with Ben if you would like to go or know more, March 12th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Marietta;

Next Board Meeting January 28th, Nelsonville Public Library at 6:30 p.m. weather permitting;