

**Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
June 24th, 2009
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center**

Attendance: Mike Schooley, Scott Schell, Heike Perko, Rocky McNickle

Prior Meeting Minutes: May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report (Amy Mackey):

- Amy Mackey is sick, will give treasurers report at a later date.

Waterloo Update (Heike Perko):

- Hike with Holzer Clinic went well, potential financial donors, working on it
- Workshops and volunteer work went well, fly fishing was a workshop with 10 people and the Division of Wildlife, was successful, volunteer youth group spend one day and painted and landscaped to get ready for camp, went well, community volunteers are involved in getting ready for summer camp

Water Quality Specialist Update (Amy Mackey):

Sampling & Project News

- Completed last rounds of both Pierce Run and East Branch Phase II pre-construction sampling.
- ODNR accepted a bid by Loveland Excavating from Cincinnati for the construction of Pierce Run project. Should begin within a month.
- EB Phase II construction should begin soon. I am presently working on an Office of Surface Mining grant to help pay for the project construction and monitoring.
- Assisted Nate Schlater with Carbondale Doser maintenance, cleaned the water wheel, cleared the channel. A valve was broke during removal which lead to the doser being off for 1 ½ days. Nate successfully repaired the line. Because of the build-up of excess lime in the channel, Hewett Fork should not have been affected by the temporary shut-down. Nate (who normally maintains the doser) will be on vacation June 22 – July 3, so I will be maintaining the doser during this time.

Other

- Qian Zhang, ODNR Intern, started Monday June 22nd, will be helping with monitoring, management plans, education...
- 2009 – 2011 Water Quality Specialist Proposal was submitted to Ohio Valley RC&D and approved. Budget is currently being reviewed by ODNR.
- MAIS (macroinvertebrate) sampling will be the last 2 weeks in July for Raccoon Creek, if you would like to help on any of those days, tell Jen or myself!
- Ben and Jeff officially started their new jobs with ODNR DMRM on Monday the 22nd. The Raccoon Creek Watershed Coordinator grant objectives will be met by Jen Bowman and myself through the end of the grant (Dec 31, 2009).
- I will be attending the South East Ohio Watershed Council (SEOW council) meeting in Chillicothe on Tuesday the 30th.
- There will be a Raccoon Creek Forum / Technical Advisory committee meeting on July 8th, at the Voinovich School if anyone is interested in attending.
- The Vinton Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting will be held Saturday August 29th at Lake Hope. They have invited us to set up booths (RCP and RCWTA) and sell tickets for our kayak. Also want to know if we would like to bring the canoes out.

AmeriCorps Update (Amy Mackey):

- AmeriCorps member has been decided on – Rina Caldwell will begin with RCP on August 10th. We are in the process of getting all necessary paperwork from Rural Action.
- Next meeting July 2nd, Monday Creek Office

Water Trails Update (Molly Gurien):

- August 8th evening float Lake Rupert
- October 17th Fall float Baker Landing Ohio River

Interim Board:

- Amber Brookins was voted onto the interim board to fill Jeff Calhoun's position until fall meeting, we need to take nominations for board positions; Mike did not vote, does not know Amber;

Poker Run 2009:

- Need to post materials on website and send e-mails out to see if folks are interested, send out save the date postcards, next meeting we need to talk about the poker run;

New Business / Announcements

- A private donor will donate \$1000 in 2009 towards the Raccoon Creek Water Quality Specialist position, RCP will give \$2000 towards the position (\$1000 each year for 2 years), this money needs to be used directly for the Water Quality Specialist position. Thanks!!

Next Meeting July 29th, Waterloo Aquatic Education Center 6:30 p.m.