

**Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
July 29th, 2009
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center**

Attendance: Rocky McNickle, Scott Schell, Molly Gurien, Amy Mackey, Rina Caldwell, Qian Zhang, Heike Perko, Amber Brookins, Mike Schooley;

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

Treasurer's Report (Amy Mackey):

- Total RCP funds = \$10,251.01 (\$4,277.62 RCP General Funds, \$5,070.58 DOW Grant, \$902.81 Clyde Gosnell Donation)
- Camp brought in \$904.00 in registration fees and donations, and cost a total of \$573.80. Some supplies and food still need to be purchased for August Camp
- Paid \$254.90 for air conditioner repair
- Insurance will be due soon
- Will also need to get propane soon
- Need to write check to RC&D for Water Quality Specialist position

Waterloo Update (Heike Perko):

- Camp is going well, positive feedback, Full camp with 16 kids, The 30 dollar suggested donation covered all cost including food and crafts, left over money will go into general fund, one parent gave a 100 dollar donation, thanks to all board members who helped and volunteered their time, could not do it without you

Water Quality Specialist Update (Amy Mackey):

Sampling & Project News

- Chemical Sampling - WB LTM, EB LTM, EB Phase I project sampling
- Completed MAIS sampling 33 sites. Thanks to everyone who helped (Sunday and Monday Creek, ODNR, OU)
 - Currently working on ID

Other

- Submitted OSM ACSI grant for \$100,000 for EB Phase II (\$4,000 in there for my position)
- Pierce Run construction should be beginning at any time. They have cleared trees for storage pond and SLB. Taking photos to update website.
- Annual report, give copy to RCP, OU, ODNR, RC&D, USFS WNF
- Helped with Waterloo summer camp
- Attended SEOWC meeting in Elizabethtown and gave RCP update
- 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):

- Rina starts the 10th, working on getting all the forms filled out.
- Last meeting before start date was Friday the 24th.

- Calendar for Rina has been developed, board should add events that they will need Rina's help.

Water Trails Update (Molly Gurien):

- Molly asked for Rina to come to all board meetings the third Thursday of the month,
- Rina should try to attend and help with all floats and public events;
- RCWTA has finalized identifying all possible public access sites along Raccoon Creek, next step is to send a letter to the landowners to inventory who is interesting in working with us in creating public access;

Publicity:

- Amber suggested to order stickers on line, cheapest site was 28 cents per sticker, local cost was between 2-3 dollars a sticker, board approved to order stickers online, cost 281.24 cents, stickers will be free to all new members, sold at festivals for 1 dollar per sticker; Amber will order stickers;
- Amber will also be working on getting a facebook site for our group to get the word out, she will maintain it and report to the board on who is using the site and what feedback we are getting from the public; Credit Union is using face book and it is working well for them, almost all groups have a site today;
- Registration for Paw Paw festival complete,
- Staffing for Parade of the hills and Paw Paw is needed, please sign up with Amy and Rocky,
- Discussed we should sell hats and shirts at festivals, definitely will have stickers for fundraising;
- Amy will check on how we can determine traffic on our website, maybe a tracker?

Membership:

- membership cards were discussed, **Rocky will look into how much it will cost;**
- selling hats and shirts was discussed, Rocky has established a relationship with a local printing business, can print t-shirts for a good price, for 35 dollar set up fee he can do stitching for hats and shirts, one time fee to program our logo into his stitching computer, from then on we can go and buy one or one hundred shirts, board decided to think about it, since we can already print shirts at this point, vote on it at the next meeting or see how much money we are making at the poker run; Discussed if we should give a free shirt to new members, need to discuss at the next meeting again;

Poker Run 2009:

- T-shirts? Rocky voted yes for pre registration and for sponsors, board agreed;
- discussed to change the route into a loop, ending up at Waterloo, easier for cooking and a chance to show off who we are and what we do at our headquarters; **Rocky and Mike will change the route,**
- **Qian will do the map in GIS;**
- **Everyone should work on securing 2 sponsors at 50 dollars a sponsor,**
- Holzer Clinic can donate water;
- Amy showed the poster, all liked it, the only change will be the mileage due to the loop;
- No sales at any of the stops,
- skip Bob Evans this year;
- **Scott Schell will ask Hocking College at Lake Snowden to see if we can use it for a stop,**
- **Amy and Rocky will look into other possibilities for stops;**
- At next meeting we will talk about how we can make some money offering more playing poker at the end;

Other Fundraising Ideas:

- Collecting and selling Paw Paw's to Chris Chmiel, **Heike will ask Chris to see if he still buys Paw Paw's; Mike, Molly and Heike offered to collect Paw Paw's.**

Annual Meeting:

- November 8th 3-6,
- check OSU football schedule!

New Business / Announcements / Upcoming Events

- SWCD in Vinton County is possibly proposing to ask for rent for Amy's office, 1400 dollars a year, if this happens, we will make sure Waterloo is ready for Amy to use. Not sure yet, still pending;
- Heike will check into phone and DSL for center
- Rina will do Energy days at Ohio University October 20-21
- Mitigation project in Wellston will protect 4000 linear feet of riparian zone through building cattle exclusion fencing;;
- Please donate a side dish for camp August 11-13.
- Nelsonville Parade of the Hills. August 19th - 21st. Who wants to help?
- Vinton Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Dinner. October 8th, time and place to be determined. They have invited us to set up a booth, sell raffle tickets, and give a quick RCP update.
- Paw Paw festival September 19 - 20. Our registration has been sent in so we will have a booth there. They are also doing a sustainability / environmental scavenger hunt for kids this year. Have been in contact with the person in charge of the scavenger hunt and she asked us to participate. All that it will require from us, is a brief speech (a couple minutes) to the kids that come to our booth, and for us to give them the clue to get to the next station.

****Action Items****

Rocky

- ✓ Poker run route
- ✓ Membership cards

Scott

- ✓ Ask Hocking about using Snowden for Poker run

Amber

- ✓ Order stickers
- ✓ Facebook page

Heike

- ✓ Compile a list of equipment purchased for Waterloo and a list of things still needing to purchase.
- ✓ DOW grant report
- ✓ Ask about paw paw fundraiser
- ✓ Find out about internet and phone prices for waterloo

Molly

- ✓ ?

Mike

- ✓ Ask AEP about Poker run sponsor

Amy

- ✓ Add poker run info to web
- ✓ Add current events to web
- ✓ Check with Tael about tracking hits to website.
- ✓ Deliver RCP check to RC&D

Qian

- ✓ Poker Run map
- ✓ Advertise / contact poker run websites
- ✓ Prepare for Parade of the Hills

Rina

- ✓ Energy Days
- ✓ Paw Paw festival scavenger hunt

ALL!

- ✓ Donate side dish for August Summer Camp
- ✓ Find sponsors / donors of prizes for Poker run
- ✓ Hang posters for poker run

Next Meeting August 26th, Waterloo Aquatic Education Center 6:30 p.m.