

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center, New Marshfield, OH

Attendance: Molly Gurien, Helmut Paschold, Kim Brewster, Amber Brookins, Kristin Kindler, Amy Mackey, Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg

Previous Meeting's Minutes: Minutes from the Board meeting of March 28th were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Amber): RCP General Funds are \$8,662.42, DOW Grant is \$1,514.22, and RCWTA is \$1,275.88. We earned \$916.13 from the Kroger Cards last year so everyone should sign up. The Apple Grafting workshop needs \$32 to break even but we have 30 trees to sell so that should not be a problem.

Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):

- The newsletter will be out shortly.
- Attempting to do recon before foliage gets much thicker.
- Need to sample before Middleton Run Project starts next year.
- Lake Morrow has 600 tires needing cleanup.
- Flint run Wetland berm project will be started in 2013.
- Orland Project is almost done.
- Harble-Griffith completion expected summer 2012
- E. Branch Phases 1 and 3 maintenance (replacing slag, pipes, and valves).
- RCP purchased a new pH probe for the YSI with some of the Harble-Griffith 319 funding.

Watershed Coordinator (Amy):

- May 3rd is the OMP conference. RCP will present on the Raccoon Creek recovery. E. Branch, Phase 2 and doser will be visited during the tour instead of Harble-Griffith due to erosion problems there from the winter.
- Attended Natalie's Watershed Management Class-there will be a fish shocking demonstration next week.
- Amy and Sarah will teach sampling protocol to Ron Cass's Watershed Management Class at Hocking College.
- Ben McCament and ODNR are working with the Vinton Co. Airport on a mitigation project.
- Amy will be writing an OSM grant for the Lake Morrow Project as soon as she gets info from ODNR DMRM

AmeriCorps (Kristin):

- Spring Camp 1 had 22 kids and Karen Enterline presented on amphibians.
- Spring Camp 2 only had 3 kids and lots of volunteers (rainy day and Kid Fest in Athens).
- Summer Camp 1 will be capped at 20 kids and we already have 18 reservations.

- Summer Camp 2 is for older kids and we are still taking reservations. It can be opened up to younger kids if our quota of older children is not met.
- Kim and Kristin will present on geology at an education event on 4/27 at the Hocking County Fairgrounds.

AmeriCorps (Kim):

- Final Fridays in Nelsonville-Booth setup is \$10 with registration at Fullbrooks Coffee- Kim and Kristin will be there on 6/29
 - Volunteers are needed for other Final Fridays during the summer.
- There is early registration for a booth at the Paw Paw Festival. Kim and Kristin will reserve 2 spots.
- June 16th is a litter cleanup in collaboration with ORSANCO's River Sweep 2012.
- Boys of the Hock are willing to perform a benefit concert at a reduced price. Kim and Kristin will look into more details.
- There is a benefit concert for watersheds on June 24th at 9pm at Casa Cantina.
- If RCP wants to have a benefit concert in the summer it is good to remember that new students will be back in August with an earlier return due to the semester conversion. Jackie O's is a possibility for such a benefit.
- Jeremy Gibson with Appalachian Hillside Revolution will play benefits. He has a Facebook page and will likely not charge anything.

RCWTA (Molly):

- Canoe float is 4/29. A pre-float was done to clear snags. Fifty people are signed up and all canoes are reserved. Bernhard will drive the OU van.
- Karla's water trail map is fantastic and we need to find money for printing. Another option includes providing it as an online version. The finished map is due May 1st.
- We can receive the American Canoe Association's water trail designation once we have the map. ODNR now requires a \$50,000 corporate sponsorship plus a printed map for water trails designation. Molly has not heard back about whether the sponsorship and maps are absolute requirements for ODNR's collaboration.
- August 6th is the Vinton Bean dinner and collaboration with a float is a possibility.
- Looking into getting new T-shirts
- Next meeting May 10th, GVS-The Ridges, 6:30pm
- A tree planting in cooperation with OU's Office of Sustainability took place with 100 trees on The Ridges. There were several hundred trees planted on W. Branch at Mike Schooley's. All total, 450 trees were planted.

Intern and AmeriCorps Hiring Updates (Amy):

- Staff are reviewing applications for interns and Americorps. Board members can volunteer to review.
- The Americorps application process ends June 22nd and successful applicants start August 10th. It is important to interview immediately because the most qualified applicants are picked up quickly.

- The internship is a full time, summer internship, funded by Mineral Resources Management, for a 12 week period.

Strategic Planning Update (Sarah):

- Bob and Sarah met to review how to produce an action plan for the Board. They are looking at a 6-month time frame to do the work and will utilize Board members who volunteer and other experts on an as-needed basis. The first step will be to review goals in existing planning documents. A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis was performed for the fundraising and communications plans. These will be reviewed. Ultimately, the Plan will provide a range of goals, time frames, and costs. They will set up a convenient committee meeting time.

Other

- Glenn said he will plug the holes on the back of the building
- Amy will check with Heike about what kind of annual report should be prepared for the building.