

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center, New Marshfield, OH

Attendance: Amy Mackey, Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Amber Brookins, Molly Gurien, Joe Jennings, Heike Perko, Rebekah Korenowsky, Darcy VanDervort, Cyndy Holliday, and Rob Wiley

Previous Meeting's Minutes: Minutes from the May Board meeting were approved. *July minutes approval was tabled until members can read them.*

Treasurer's Report (Amber):

- Receipts from the 2nd Day Camp are yet to be tallied. There were approximately \$2000 of expenses from both camps. Other expenses include \$722 for building insurance and \$115 for the electric bill. The heating system fans have been running to keep air circulating to avoid mold problems. This has lead to higher electric bills but we can probably turn off the blower fans now and also keep the refrigerator cleaned out (*Heike and AmeriCorps will clean fridge out and unplug*) and turned off. With colder weather approaching, a discussion about purchasing propane ensued and it was decided that we have the tank filled. *Amber will order propane.*

Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):

- There were 17 people on the watershed tour held on July 25th.
- The newsletter is about to be released.
- Twenty sites have been surveyed for macroinvertebrates with one site yet to go.
- Twelve fish survey sites are completed.
- Working with ODNR on existing project sites.
- *Renee Reber will help with Little Raccoon Creek AMDAT to finish her hours.*

Coordinator (Amy):

- Bio sampling is nearly complete, will do another round of fish in September.
- The Coordinator's grant is being prepared, due end of September.
- Amy will get purple loosestrife mapping and removal training to be aware of official protocol for this invasive.
- The new Americorps, Darcy and Rebekah, were introduced and are already helping with everything.
- Two fall day camps will be held on 10/6 and 11/3. These are ½ day camps that run from 10 am – 1pm. Darcy and Rebekah will choose the camp themes. The camp dates should be put on the website. Heike suggested that we consider more adult workshops that can also include babysitting so that parents with young children can attend. Ideas for

workshops included a native American workshop and tie-dying. The building is open for uses so ideas from the membership should be sought.

- The RCWTA fall float is set for 10/20.
- A Jackson Co. resident and fisherman recently complimented RCP for cleanup efforts as he remembers the Raccoon Creek without fish and has seen a remarkable recovery. *Molly and Amy will contact him.*

Annual Dinner:

- *It will be held on 10/14 at 4pm in New Marshfield at the Community Center. It is a potluck. We need a flyer-announcement at the Paw Paw Festival.*
- *The Americorps are to phone the membership with a personal invitation.*
- *Placemats will be the 11X17 size “year in review” theme (Sarah).*
- *Amy, Natalie, and Heike will provide chicken and pork dishes. Amber will provide flower table settings.*
- *A list of silent auction items will be discussed at the September meeting.*
- *We need to secure a speaker for a 20-30 minute presentation. Ideas for speakers included Matt Starlin (Starline Organics), Warren Taylor (Snowville Creamery), Gene Mapes (Moonville Rail Trail), and Jack Cantrell (honey). Helmut Paschold’s and Molly Gurien’s Board positions are up and Natalie will prepare a list of nominees. Heike is currently serving in Helmut’s position and is interested in remaining on the Board and Molly is interested in remaining on the Board.*

RCWTA (Molly):

- The annual meeting of RCWTA was successful.
- The trail map on the server is not updated. We can fix any typos but more serious issues need to be addressed before Dave Simon (Voinovich GIS) takes a new position and leaves the Voinovich School.
- Funds from the Pig Roast and Paddle fundraiser will go towards printing the map.
- An ODNR grant, due 10/1, seeks funds for a new canoe trailer. *Rebekah and Darcy are working with Molly on this grant.*
- Savannah Freeman is a Hocking College ecotourism intern providing 80 hours of service (10 hrs. per week) to RCWTA.
- Paw Paw Fest is 9/14 – 9/16. 2-3 people are needed at all times for the two booths plus people are needed at the Lake. There will be a kayak raffle at noon on Sunday.

Proposed Fundraiser with Athens Building Industry Association (ABIA):

- General discussion about responsibilities leading up to September 22nd.
- Stay tuned on email for further details

Announcements:

- The Appalachia Ohio Alliance (AOA) is 10 yrs. old. They donate \$500/yr. to RCP. The RCP Board agreed to make a \$50 donation to show our support of them. *Heike will write a letter and submit to Amy who will send a check.*
- *Amber is to give receipts to Heike for proper reporting on our Division of Wildlife grant.*
- Sarah attended the River Trails and Ales event and suggested that RCP enter a float for next year's event.
- *Amy is to send out a list of dates for upcoming events and activities.*

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 26, 6:30pm at Waterloo.