

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Voinovich School, Ohio University

Attendance: Sarah Landers, Monte Edwards, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Amber Brookins, Molly Gurien, Heike Perko, Rebekah Korenowsky, and Darcy VanDervort,
Previous Meeting's Minutes: Minutes from the November Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Amber): Treasurer's Report

RCP Account as 12-19-2012 **\$7,849.69**

RCP General Funds	DOW Grant	RCWTA
\$ 6602.21	\$ 1247.48	\$4405.46

Written reports from the Coordinator, Water Quality Specialist, and Americorps were circulated for review. This was done on a one-time basis to shorten the length of the meeting.

RCWTA (Molly):

- Still working on the Kickstarter fundraising program. OUECU can now open separate accounts for RCWTA so Kickstarter will have its own account.
- The SE Ohio Tourism Expo is on March 2nd and RCWTA plans to have a booth.
- Karla will send map edits by 1/15/2013. Bernhard Debatin said he will pay for a copy editor for the map. The map will have a copyright.
- 1/16/2013 is next RCWTA meeting.

New Business and Announcements:

- The door window at Waterloo is fixed. Glenn will make one more attempt to fix the latch hardware on the door. Bob will make a ramp for the front door. We need a maintenance plan and schedule for the building. Monte will take the lead on this effort.
- Darcy emailed Snowville Creamery about a donation for the Owl Prowl. The Americorps will email for help if they need it.
- Apple Grafting Workshop is set for Sunday, March 17th at 2pm. The workshop will be combined with a pruning workshop and lead by Community Food Initiative's Badger Johnson. CFI will pay for ½ the grating rootstock if they can get ½ the day's proceeds. They would also like a portion of the trees for a community tree planting project. The workshop fee will stay at \$10.

- Teresa Caldwell, with the Soil and Water District, is interested in co-producing a water barrel workshop.
- The Americorps are working on our website. Board members need to send photos of themselves and contact information.
- Loren Dick has been identified as a qualified person who we may get to run our summer camps on a contractual basis. She is to submit a proposal for our consideration.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:30pm, at the Voinovich School.

See written updates below!

12-19-12 Watershed Coordinator Update

- AMDAT updates while waiting for the draft to come back from MRM (will complete biological section when we get the biological data back from OEPA). Final draft will be done Friday December 21st. A huge thank you to Sarah and Renee for all their hard work on this report. We will make sure RCP gets a copy to check out when it is final.
- Winterized electrofishing equipment, currently storing at MRM building.
- West Branch Harble Griffith 319 semi-annual report nearly complete, waiting on the lab data from November and December. Will be submitted in Mid-January
- Many of the planted trees at the Harble Griffith wetland were rubbed by deer, probably won't survive. Trees were supposed to have been wrapped when they were planted, contractor will be responsible for replacing any dead trees in the spring.
- Holiday membership drive mailed. As of 12-17-12 \$80 has come in as a result of the drive. Thanks Darcy and Rebekah!
- RCP website updates coming soon!! Finally have the new URL which has been fixed and we are actually able to update it!! Rebekah and Darcy will be doing this in the next few weeks.
- 2 Hocking College interns starting in January. They are Geo-Environmental students and will be working one day / week. They plan on working on Tuesdays and helping with sampling primarily but are open to about anything if their schedules allow. They will attend an RCP meeting to meet everyone soon. OU Intern will also be starting in January but only working 3 hours / week.
- Will be working on AmeriCorps quarterly report and Annual Coordinator Report in early January.
- Macroinvertebrate samples will be identified through the winter and MAIS scores calculated for all 2012 sites. 2012 fish data will be back from EPA this week.
- Upcoming events / dates:
 - Raccoon Creek TAC meeting – January 16th 9:00 Ridges
 - Owl Prowl – Jan 24th
 - Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Conference (RCP will be tabling) – Feb 1, 2013
 - Wildlife Diversity Conference – March 13, 2013

12-19-12 Water Quality Specialist Update

- Little Raccoon Creek AMDAT – see Amy's update
- Flint Run Wetland Enhancement OSM (Office of Surface Mining) Grant drafted and submitted to ODNR for review. It might be submitted by the end of the year to take advantage of 2012 funding, or it will be submitted in early 2013. This is a 2013 construction project in the Flint Run/Broken ARO Wildlife area in Jackson County. Berms will be installed in a wetland downstream of 2 treatment projects to increase the retention time of water to slow water and precipitate metals before discharging into Flint Run.
- Pierce Run Project (located in Middle Basin of Raccoon Creek): The dam is now fixed and holding water. Turbidity is high right now because of water running off the work zone. Therefore the valve from the holding pond to the steel slag leach bed is presently closed to keep sediment from coming into the slag bed. Once there is time for the sediment to settle the valve will be opened and post construction water quality monitoring will begin.
- Semi-annual Water Quality Specialist report will be written between Christmas & New Years.
- Currently working on 2013 Water Quality Monitoring Plan.

Rebekah & Darcy's Recent Happenings:

Holiday Mailings for RCP and RCWTA: Check!

RCWTA boating safety grant for new canoe trailer: Check!

Order owl pellets: Check!

Mineralogy lesson taught to a homeschool group and a Cub Scout pack at the Athens Library: Success!

Geology section of the Little Raccoon Creek AMDAT: Check!

To-Do:

Athens Foundation Grant final report in the works. Need to get financial data

Lotso data entry and 2012 data check to be complete in the next few weeks.

Website rehabilitation underway! We're going to make it sparkle..

Water science education program: Flyers in the works to be sent out to schools, pre-schools and libraries. Heike is linking our activities to the standards.

Plains elementary garden project: supplies inventoried, meeting with interested teachers set for January 17th

Recent Meetings:

Badger Johnson with CFI. Discussed Apple grafting workshop, additional workshops to be put into a series: pruning, grafting, planting. He is willing to assist with garden at Plains elementary.

Education committee: discussed upcoming waterloo events (owl prowl, apple grafting, spring and summer camps, education program

Deb Richardson @ the Plains Elementary, moving forward with the school garden project. Surveys were returned and a meeting with interested teachers to follow

Upcoming Events:

Owl Prowl: January 24th @ 4pm

Enviroscape Lesson/Training: January 5th @ 5pm

Apple Grafting workshop: TENTATIVE March 9th @ 3pm

Winter Tree ID Hike (lead by Heike): February 9th @ 11am

Spring camps: April 6th, 13th or 27th Possible themes: Amphibians and birds

Summer Camps: Last two weeks in June, (17th - 21st and 24th - 27th) Possible themes: geology/soils and water

Darcy will be in New York and Amsterdam February 15 -28.

Rebekah will be in Colorado sometime in the middle of March.