

Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 6:30 p.m.  
Abode of Natalie Kruse-Daniels, Athens County

**Attendance:** Amy Mackey, Molly Gurien, Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Heike Perko, Natalie Kruse, Rebekah Korenowsky, Alexander Hermanutz

**Previous Meeting's Minutes:** The May 29, 2013 minutes were approved.

Action Items and questions are Highlighted.

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

- The Treasurer's Report from May was emailed by Amber to everyone on the Board. Monte will call to get some insurance quotes on the building and contents. Natalie will scan the existing Grange policy so Monte can review it. Amber and Amy will meet to review the camp receipts.

**Coordinator's Report (Amy):**

- The Harble-Griffith reclamation grant needs to be closed out by 12/31/13. The unused money remaining in the grant can be used for office supplies and must be spent by 21/1/13 so that is the plan.
- Access is needed at Bolin's Mills for the electro-shocking boat. It was decided that the "Refuge Bridge" is the best choice.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> is the next TAC meeting.
- The Lake Morrow and Middleton Run projects have both had pre-construction meetings.
- Bio sampling has been slowed by high and muddy waters. 18 of 30 macro sites are completed.

**Water Quality Specialist Update (Sarah):**

- Sarah's contract is renewed for two years through June 2015. John Kellis and the Ohio Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council are her employers.
- Doser maintenance for Monday Creek is a new responsibility.
- Chemical sampling is on schedule. The next sampling will be low flow conditions as soon as water levels come down.
- Middleton Run construction is to start in several weeks.
- Articles are due for the fall newsletter.
- The raft entry fee is \$25 with the check made out to Friends of the Lower Muskingum. Heike and Amy are willing to watch the RCP display during the day.

**Americorps Update (Rebekah):**

- Camp went well but doing camps back-to-back is not recommended as there needs to be a week for recuperation.
- No one showed up for the Gallia County Library presentation.

- Rebekah has made a commitment to do another Americorps stint in Washington State working for a non-profit organization named Safe Habitat and Diversity of Wetlands (SHADOW).
- There is a rough draft of the new display and best photos are needed. There are three panels: RCP, RCWTA, and a watershed map (water trail plus projects and mine areas). The goal is to be heavy on the visuals and light on the captions. Another goal is to have it ready by the Paw Paw Fest, Sept. 13-15.

### **RCWTA (Molly):**

- Work on the map continues as there have been many edits and revisions. Proofs are arriving August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.
- There won't be a kayak raffle at Paw Paw. **There is a signup sheet and we need volunteers for both booths.** It is best if there are two people at each booth at all times. People are also needed down at the waterfront.
- We need new members!!
- Wednesday, 8/14, is next meeting.
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is the Ohio Watershed Leadership Conference at Lake Hope Lodge.
- For the Farm and Field Days in Gallia County, O.O. McIntyre Park is the put-in for the canoe float component.
- A point was made that the DOW grant should go to purchase adult paddles and small to medium size, adult PFD's.

### **New Business and Announcements:**

- **Annual Meeting:** One idea is to rent a room at Lake Hope Lodge for \$200. We know of a band that will perform for \$100 and food. Appetizers can be from the Lodge and a pie baking contest can be a part of the festivities. October 20<sup>th</sup> is the preferred date with October 13<sup>th</sup> as a backup. November 10<sup>th</sup> is a second backup. **Heike will compare appetizer versus full buffet prices at the Lodge.**
- Rand and Caylee are the new Americorps and will be starting August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- There are many fall watershed students looking for learning experiences.
- **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is a painting work day at Waterloo starting at 10 am.**
- An ODNR building idea is to have the state donate the house and barn to RCP.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 6:30pm, at Waterloo.**