

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
Waterloo Center, Waterloo Township, Athens County

Attendance: Amy Mackey, Molly Gurien, Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Heike Perko, Natalie Kruse, Monte Edwards, Rebekah Korenowsky, Darcy VanDervort, Alexander (Alie) Hermanutz

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The April 2013 minutes were approved.

Action Items and questions are Highlighted.

Treasurer's Report (Amber):

- Amber will email the Treasurer's report to Bob for inclusion in the minutes. Two tents were purchased with RCWTA and RCP funds. \$20 will be spent from the Division of Wildlife fund for a portable live well. There is a need for some small, adult PFD's.

Coordinator's Report (Amy)

- We have ODNR intern funding confirmed. Alie Hermanutz was hired and he can work 12 weeks full time or part time for a longer period. He prefers a full time schedule.
- Ideas are needed for the new RCP calendar.
- Jen Bowman is completing the 2012 non-point source pollution (NPS) reports.
- The Harble-Griffith reclamation grant needs to be closed out by 12/31/13. There is \$350 remaining in one of the line items and this money can be used to purchase foam core boards and lamination for our various displays and maps.
- Americorps applications are due June 7th and we have 15 applicants so far.
- ODNR needs to finalize fish sampling dates. Macroinvertebrate sampling will be done during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July.
- Gallia County Farm and City Days will be held September 28th. Raccoon Creek Partnership will have a presence there.
- The East Branch Phase II Kern Hollow steel slag leach bed and Harble-Griffith Reclamation projects will be highlights for the Ohio Watershed Leadership Conference to be held at Lake Hope.
- Anyone who wants to help review Americorps applications can arrange this with Amy. Funding is not secure until the end of June but we can interview before that and let applicants know about the funding timeline.

Water Quality Specialist Update (Sarah):

- Chemical sampling is on schedule.
- The pre-bid meeting for Middleton Run was held. The bid closing is next week. This project starts in 2013 and will be completed next year.
- The Lake Morrow pre-bid meeting was held and then the low bid was rejected. ODNR is working on accepting another bidder.
- A post-construction tour for Harble-Griffith was held with 16 people attending, many of whom were local landowners.

- A Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held in May and Amy and Sarah have been asked to start to determine what projects to include through 2016. This would include both new projects and maintenance on existing projects.

Americorps Update (Rebekah):

- We need to resend email notices for the native plant hike to be held on June 6th.
- Camp planning is moving along nicely. Materials are being gathered from the Waterloo library. The first camp (younger children) is full and older children will be filtered to the 2nd camp as more registrations come in. A meeting for camp volunteers will be held June 13th. We need ten 1-quart jars for terrariums. We need to coordinate with Molly regarding her availability for canoe instruction during camps.

RCWTA (Molly):

- The next RCWTA meeting is June 12th.
- The Spring Float was a success.
- The maps had some picture problems with low resolution, bleeding, and font issues. This involved software compatibility and the problem is under review.
- June 15th is the Clean Sweep. Rebekah will coordinate canoe reservations. Randall Fields will lead the effort on behalf of RCWTA. Glenn will bring the canoes. Flyer placement needs to be finalized. An A-News ad was effective for the 2012 Spring Float. Inmates from the Gallia County jail will help with takeout.
- The winner of the kayak raffle picked up his prize.
- We will participate with the Bob Evans festival but need to replace Sarah as our representative.

New Business and Announcements:

- Waterloo issues: Al will mow before camp. June 5th is the next workday from 12-5 followed by a potluck. Monte will hang the first aid station. Water treatment equipment will be installed sometime this summer. Bob will send an email regarding paint supplies needed.
- We can get Joe Jennings for another year if we would like his services. There was general agreement that this would be a good idea.
- We need a fundraiser meeting.
- We need to schedule our fall meeting at the July regular meeting.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 6:30pm, at Waterloo. There is no meeting scheduled for June.