

RCP Meeting Minutes April 28th, 2010
Aquatic Education Center, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Heike Perko, Kim Brewster, Jen Bowman, Natalie Kruse, Amy Mackey, Amber Brookins, Mike Schooley;

MSES update – Kim Brewster:

- Leadership Project with RCP, Middleton Run collecting water quality data, GPS points, mapping
- Taking soil and clay samples to see how this relates to the aluminum load
- Will make an outreach brochure for landowners to educate about the water quality issues
- Getting in touch with landowners regarding stream access across private lands (Elk Fork has land owner issue, will not let us sample on his land and the stream coming across the land is a major pollutant)
- Will put in 100 hours and will be followed by a public presentation
- Natalie: 2 students are finishing up their RCP leadership projects May 10th 6 p.m. Nick Schell will present at the Voinovich School, and on May 24th John Brower will present (Vinton County Soil and Water)

Education Committee – Heike Perko and Rina Caldwell

- Kids on Campus has been cut, there will be a need to have more summer camps in the region, should we do another camp? The board said no, we do not have the volunteers to do so, Heike is out of time and Rina will be leaving in August;
- Next meeting will be on May 21st on the Ridges (going out afterwards if anyone is interested in celebrating multiple birthdays);
- Mike wants to do a composting activity with the kids on Monday of summer camp
- Kim will help with camp, will send e-mail with available dates

Waterloo Aquatic Education Center – Heike Perko

- MBA students will be working on our corporate fundraising letters, had a great meeting, advisor Anita was there, they will be doing research on the top three companies we should approach, and they will formulate a form letter we can use for future fundraising issues and they will write and design fundraising packages to target specific companies.
- Justin, Hocking College Students, will be volunteering 80 hours with us (has been doing a great job, works independently and follows through)
- It was suggested to come up with a schedule for the center online, so we know when the building is in use, due to the increased use of the building, possible job for upcoming AmeriCorp folks

Water Quality Specialist – Brian Blair

- Sampled Lake Latrobe, Middleton Run
- Justin and Brian helped with a Boy Scouts program at Tar Hollow and did water activities

- Is working on the Newsletter, has edited input

RCWTA – Molly Gurien

- May 8th, annual float, meet at REUSE at 10 a.m., Berhard is taking care of the van
- Still working on the designation issue, read e-mail sent by the state to the group regarding dedication issues, State will meet on the issue, will send representation to that meeting
- Will have liability waiver for users of access to the river
- May 21st, OU environmental journalism class float, RCP and RCWTA members welcome, contact Molly for more information. Will be doing trash clean-up on lower Raccoon Creek.
- Annual Picnic: August 7th, Lake Hope, Potluck 3 p.m. Rina's Last Act as our AmeriCorp ☺

GOBA – Jeremy Bowman with Crumbs Bakery

- June 24th and June 25th Thursday and Friday a.m. 5 a.m. – 9 a.m. Amber and Natalie will help both days along with the people from Crumbs
- June 25th Mc Arthur 4 p.m. - ? at the High School (Rina will have activity for children) Amy, Natalie, Charles and Rina will help Friday night in McArthur

Festivals:

Parade of the Hills – August 18th – 21st so far Mike, Molly, Amy, Brian and Amber are signed up to help, we need more help!

Foothills Blues Festival August 27th – 28th so far Heike, Natalie, Brian and Amy;

Paw Paw Festival September 18th – 19th so far Rina, Mike, Amber, Amy, Natalie, Jen, Brian, Rocky and Molly

Watershed Coordinator – Amy Mackey

- Asked if we want to print and sell t-shirts, board voted no
- Pierce Run, construction will start again May, is on a 6 month extension from the state, needs to be finished this year
- East Branch phase 2 started at Laurel Run, to reduce aluminum load
- Carbondale Doser is being maintained and the channel is being cleaned
- So far we have 12 applications for our upcoming 2 AmeriCorp positions, few have outdoor experience, need to meet and go over profiles and make a decision, will follow up with e-mails
- So far 7 applicants for our summer intern, all very qualified, will be a tough decision
- Nora is finalizing our promotional video

New Business:

May 11th, Wild Boar Speaker at New Straitsville, Monday Creek office from 6-8 p.m. Potluck.

Amber will try to get our events and an article into Country Living Magazine

Rina has lined up a Band for a Benefit Concert in July – Amethystone, she will send us an update on organizing this event for us, thanks Rina!!!

May 1st – Dick Hogans Workshop, please contact Dick if you are interested!