

RCP Meeting Minutes 11/18/09

Attendance: Jen Bowman, Natalie Kruse, Rina Caldwell, Amber Brookins, Amy Mackey, Scott Schell, Molly Gurien, Dick Hogan, Heike Pekro, Dana and Hillary (OU – fundraising folks)

Treasurer Report

9858.60 Total
3868.99 GF
4989.61 DOW Grant
1,000 WQS donation
Annual Dinner 38 people with a total of \$1117 dollars;

Waterloo:

Fall Camps went well, attendance was low, maybe due to the swine flu outbreak? Discussed if the building should be closed for winter, Scott will research paint issue, group decided if the paint is okay with a cold building, then we should shut it down January and February to save money; Rina will look into a winterizing grant for the building, maybe we can get new windows and insulation and we should look into solar power;

Water Quality Specialist:

Flint Run and Lake Milton is a pH 8 but the east is a pH of 3 with the slag bed, the channel is reversing the process, ODNR is looking into it, it needs to be fixed;
Middle basin is sampled lowest pH was around 6.4
3 more samplings need to be done before the end of the year, all are in the headwaters, waiting for high flow;
Columbus Dispatch wrote an article about funding and watershed groups, mentioned RCP;
Pierce Run project is on halt for winter, will be back up by April;
Lots of MAIS identification has been done from this summer;
Middleton Run has lots of gob and is a problem, we are in the process of contacting landowners to gain permission to sample sites;
Working on a membership drive for 2010;
Working on a generic power point for all to use;
Will be presenting to the careers class at Hocking College on December 1st all day;

RCWTA

Next meeting will be tomorrow 11/19/09 at Waterloo;
Need to consolidate webpages with RCP page;
Molly needs password to be able to do this;
Molly will turn over her membership base to RCP to combine lists;
Molly will be working on getting the money into the account at the credit union to make oversight and banking easier for the water trails group;

Americorp:

Membership Drive – end of the year letter and seasons greeting card will be sent out to all members to ask for renewal;

Has been helping with sampling, learning about the watershed;

Helped with the planning and implementation of fall day camps;

Attended Rural Action Training and has been trained on the IMS and ODB database;

Looking into more grants needs to develop a supcommittee to tackle grants and long term mission for WAEC;

Education Committee:

Natalie Kruse

Heike Perko

Amber Brookins

Amy Mackey

Dick Hogan

Rina Caldwell

Will meet on Friday 12/11/09 at Waterloo 6 p.m. with pizza and beer ☺

Rootbeer that is;

Rina will organize a discussion on community involvement on the web and report back at the next meeting;

ODNR Intern:

Internship is officially over, she helped with wrapping up the management plan which will be submitted in December;

Watershed Coordinator:

The review committee has been put together, Scott Schell will represent RCP, hopefully the hiring process will be wrapped up by the end of December and the new coordinator will start January 1st;

Engineering Professor is looking for a project for his students and is looking at Raccoon Creek Lake Latrobe, Amy thinks this is great, since issues on this site need addressed;

Dr. Lee in Geology is submitting a grant to improve low cost treatments systems and refine the treatment process of AMD;

Lower Raccoon gauge is fixed with a new pump and is producing data again;

Fundraising Students: Will be presenting final plan during the January meeting;

Action Items:

Scott will look into paint issue to see if the building can be shut down;

Molly will take care of her banking and the website combination;

Education Committee will meet on 12/11/09 at 6 p.m.

Rina will start a discussion group online regarding community outreach;

Next meeting December 30th: 6:30 at WAEC