

Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday July 27, 2011  
Voinovich School, Room 214, Building 22, The Ridges

**Attendance:** Natalie Kruse, Heike Perko, Amber Brookins, Rocky McNickle, Molly Gurien, Helmut Paschold, Dick Hogan, Amy Mackey, Brian Blair, Sarah Landers, Kara Walton, Kenny Sims, Monte Edwards

**Treasure Report (Amber Brookins):** RCP general funds = \$6,410.48; DOW Grant = \$1,995.74; Waterloo Camp = \$794.34; OEEF = \$1,325.49; RCWTA = \$1043.50; Total RCP Account as of 7/27/11 = \$11,569.55

**Coordinator Report (Amy Mackey):** Been MAIS sampling 37 sites for the past month. The tires that were collected from Flint Run were picked up by the EPA at the end of May. Did fish shocking demo at a couple of camps. Interviewing for the vacant WQS position, decision of who to hire will be Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. West Branch Harble Griffith 319 Grant progress – finished pre-construction sampling and held public tour on 7-27-11, about 20 people attended. Construction has begun, project should be complete this fall.

**Water Quality Specialist Report (Brian Blair):** MAIS sampling for the last three weeks. Did pre-construction sampling of Harble Griffith site 1. Been training Kenny and Sarah to help the new WQS so that person will know all the sampling sites. East Branch 3 is working but has some problems, needs attention twice a week to tweak the valves for proper flow. East Branch 2 is working good but will be working better when it gets new sand. East Branch 1 will be maintenance this year. Harble Griffith is under construction now and Orland is ready to go. Lake Milton is scheduled for maintenance.

**Water Trails Update (Molly Gurien):** RCWTA annual meeting will be Saturday August 6, 2011 at the Vinton Bean Dinner located in the Village Park of Vinton Ohio. Need to be there at 9:30 am to set up before the 10:00 am parade. Will have the canoes there for the public to use on the creek. Finalizing the mileage on the creek for the access points and getting information about leasing the property of two land owners to use as access points. It was noted that RCWTA has no checks and Amber the RCP Treasure will get some for them. Participated in the June camp and will also in the August camp teach basic canoes techniques and rescue demonstrations. RCWTA will be setting up a booth at ROAR on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Lake Hope.

**Waterloo Education Update (Heike Perko):** August camp, focusing on sustainability, is ready to start August 1, 2011 with 10 campers. Last camp went well (too many campers and some too young), and sent evaluation sheet to parents and received some positive feed back that will help for next years camp grant. Need one more work day to week gardens, paint, clean center.

**AmeriCorps Update (Sarah Landers / Kara Walton):** Kara took two youth groups at the end of June and beginning of July that were staying at Good Earth Farms for a half a week on a tour to some of the AMD treatment sites. In June did a Library program at the Gallipolis Library with 6 kids showing up. Also in July did two Library programs, one being at the Albany Library with 4 kids in attendance and at the Athens Library with 25 to 30 present. Helped with the Ohio River Clean Up in June. Helping doing MAIS sampling. Looking into other t-shirt printers due to Zonez taking really long time to fill orders and inconsistent pricing. Looking at Uptown dog and getting a price commitment from Zonez. This will be Kara's last meeting, she will be moving to Columbus to do another AmeriCorps term. We will be going to Jackie O's after camp on Friday for Kara's farewell!

**Introduction: ODNR Intern (Kenny Sims):** has been water sampling, helped at June camp, fish shocking, MAIS Sampling and data input.

**Annual Dinner Planning (All):** The annual dinner will be held October 16, 2011 at the New Marshfield Community Building beginning at 4:00 PM. Derek will be doing the apple tasting demo starting at 4:00 until dinner and presentation at 5:00. Heike will contact the community center to get it unlocked at 3:00. It will cost \$35 to use the center, board discussed giving a larger donation and agreed on \$50. Need to check to see if they have plates, cups, silverware, etc. Heike will check.

Heike, Amber, Amy, Natalie, and Dick will set up early

Heike will contact quest speaker and figure out what we will owe him.

Sarah / Kim will do fliers and a press release

Molly / Helmut will run the election of new officers (Dick, Amber, Rocky, Heike, and Natalie's terms are all ending and need to be refilled. Need to have ballots ready and send out email for nominations. Molly will check by-laws to see how that works.

Heike will run the silent auction and 50/50 drawing

Molly will bring RCWTA hats

Amy / Sarah will take care of t-shirts

Amy / Amber will do the flower arrangement

Sarah will do a 1 page years report

Monte will bring coffee, sugar, and creamer

Rocky will be the Master of Ceremony

**Everyone needs to work on getting silent auction items!!!!!!!!!! See list in last meeting minutes. Some other ideas include:**

Credit Union will donate something

Nathan – walking stick

Rocky – bluebird boxes

Heike – tie dye shirts, knitted scarves, maybe a riding lesson

Natalie – cake

Mike Schooley – veggie basket

Kenny – float from Hocking Hills Canoe Livery

Everyone also needs to bring table cloths to September board meeting.

RCP will purchase 5 whole chickens from Amy and Tim for the meat, will cook ahead of time and bring in crockpots.

**Planning Public Meeting in Vinton for August (All):** Craig Hicks (Wildlife Disease Biologist with USDA APHIS) will be the guest speaker on feral hogs. We need to bring our own projector. The meeting will be at McCoy's Store in Vinton, August 31, 2011. A four course meal will be served. Athens area folks will arrange carpooling. Need to get flyers up. Amy will make flyer and get copies to folks to hang.

**Debrief of Aldo Leopold's Autobiography Film (All):** since only 3 board members were at attendance of the viewing of the film, it was decided to set another viewing date for those member that missed out on the first viewing. RCP may decide to be a co-sponsor (not necessarily financially) of the film and participate in viewings at OU, Hocking, and the Athena. Dick will arrange another viewing at the Voinovich School.

**New Business / Announcements:** Heike Perko announced that she wasn't running for the RCP board after the end of her term this fall, and she nominated Monte Edwards. Amber requested that the Debit card stay with the bank bag. Amy gave Brian a picture, certificate of appreciation and a 6 month subscription to the Soda of the Month Club that begins in August. Molly announced ROAR (don't have all the details, but Molly gave them!)

**Next Meeting Date – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m., public meeting at McCoys in Vinton.**