

Raccoon Creek Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Waterloo Aquatic Education Center, New Marshfield, OH

Attendance: Amy Mackey, Sarah Landers, Bob Eichenberg, Natalie Kruse, Amber Brookins, Molly Gurien, Heike Perko, Rebekah Korenowsky, Darcy Vandervort, and Savannah Freeman
Previous Meeting's Minutes: Minutes from the August Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Amber):

- RCP General Funds \$5,180.59, DOW Grant \$1,462.87, RCWTA \$2,512.06, Waterloo \$701.35, and Athens Foundation Grant \$486.84.
- An invoice for the van that was used for summer camps is still needed. It will be approximately \$85/van for the camps. A total of \$1,715 was spent for all items for the camps.
- The remaining Division of Wildlife grant will be used to buy an electrofishing unit. The total cost is between two and three thousand dollars and Ohio University will cover the difference between the \$1,514.41 that we have in the DOW grant and the cost of the unit. We also need to make sure we have enough fish containers, fish nets, and plates for the microscopes. *AmeriCorps will order*
- \$1,000 was made at the Paw Paw Fest for RCWTA. The kayak winner will contact Molly.
- It will take 3-4 weeks for propane delivery. Summer rates will apply for the purchase.
- The Athens Foundation grant will be used for the fall camps.
- We have made back ½ of our shirt money investment already.
- \$200 was spent for paint. The Athens Foundation grant can cover it.

Water Quality Specialist (Sarah):

- At the Vinton County SWCD annual dinner, attendees were impressed with the cleanup success.
- The Technical Advisory Committee meeting was today (9/26). Construction items were discussed. Pierce Run repairs will be completed in October 2012. A water seep under the dam needs a slurry wall to plug it. This project will hopefully allow the biology to recover so that warm water habitat criteria can be met in the middle basin of Raccoon Creek.
- The Lake Morrow Project will be bid in January 2013 and construction will begin in May 2013. The Office of Surface Mining will provide \$100,000 for this project (grant awarded in fall).
- The Middleton Run reclamation project in Jackson County will be in 2013.
- At Flint Run / Lake Milton a project will strengthen existing beaver dams with plastic sheet piling to help slow water flow to aid in metals deposition.
- The Ilesboro Rd. project was discussed.

- Renee Reber, Sarah, and Amy are still working on an AMDAT Plan for the Little Raccoon Creek.
- Sarah still has OU football tickets for sale.

Coordinator (Amy):

- Wrote Coordinator's grant that is due 9/28.
- Second round of fish sampling is complete. ODNR's Jeff Calhoun headed up this effort.
- The Lake Morrow OSM grant was approved.
- Water quality equipment will be ordered.
- Jen Bowman completed the 2011 Non-point source report for AMD watersheds, can be viewed at www.watersheddata.com.
- The Harble-Griffith project is complete but a final tour is needed in the Spring of 2013.
- A lot of fish were found with the new electrofishing boat. In 1995 there were 17 species found on RC near Rio Grande. In 2012 there were 30 species found. At the mouth of Hewett Fork there were 19 species found, the most ever.

Americorps (Rebekah and Darcy):

- Attended the Science Alliance at the Piketon Gaseous Diffusion Plant on 9/26 and 9/27.
- Fall camps, 10/6 and 11/3, will focus on Critters and Creatures for 10/6 and Recyclemania for 11/3. Crafts for Critters and Creatures will use recycled materials. After the camps are completed, materials should be put into tubs, with the lesson plans, for the benefit of the next Americorps.
- The Board approved a limit of \$200 for unapproved expenses for education.
- The 11/3 camp will focus on the waste stream and recycling, earth cycles, and biology. Lids of all sorts are needed for a large mosaic.
- Darcy will work with The Plains Elementary and its school garden. It was recommended that she teach about RCP and our watershed too.
- Sarah's SWCD Board has an elementary school principal from Vinton County so this will be a good contact for education. It is important to tie projects into the testing standards.

RCWTA (Molly):

- A grant for a new boat trailer is due 10/1.
- The next RCWTA meeting is 10/10 at the Albany Library.
- 10/20 is the fall float going from Rt. 218 to Rt. 7.

Annual Dinner:

- It will be held on 10/14 at 4pm in New Marshfield at the Community Center. It is a potluck.
- The Americorps are to phone the membership with a personal invitation.
- Americorps will ask for silent auction items.

Announcements:

- The Pig Roast netted \$2,500 and RCP is expected to get 50% of this.
- Heike mentioned that RCP will pay for CPR certification for Darcy and Rebekah.
- Americorps should call Pat Quackenbush about another Owl Prowl for January or February.
- Next year's Ohio Watershed Leaders Program might be in the Raccoon Creek Watershed. Jerry Iles, OSU Extension employee and watershed resident, is involved with event organization. It will be in August 2013 and will involve planning from the RCP board.
- October 27th is R.O.A.R at Lake Hope. Will have table and canoes.
- Volunteers are needed for Waterloo work days 9/27 and 9/29.

Next meeting is Annual Meeting on October 14th at the New Marshfield Community Center.